



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016 ON PAGE 239]**

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6 [GAVEL.]

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FEBRUARY 9, 2016 MEETING,
10 WHICH SHALL COME TO ORDER. I FIRST WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PERSONAL
11 PRIVILEGE AND WISH SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL A VERY HAPPY
12 BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE.] BLESSINGS TO ALL. I ALSO WANT TO
13 INTRODUCE THE INVOCATION THAT WILL BE LED TODAY BY KEN
14 GOODBAN, SENIOR PASTOR FROM CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN
15 BELLFLOWER, THE FOURTH DISTRICT. AND THE PLEDGE WILL BE LED BY
16 BONNIE LASTRA, FORMER STAFF SERGEANT, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
17 FROM LOS ANGELES REPRESENTING THE THIRD DISTRICT.

18
19 **PASTOR KEN GOODBAN:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYER. GOD, WE WANT TO
20 THANK YOU, FIRST OF ALL, FOR JUST AN INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL
21 WINTER DAY HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. JUST THE BEAUTY OF IT
22 AND THE CLARITY. WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. GOD, I PRAY FOR THIS
23 BOARD MEETING TODAY. GOD, AS WE THINK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND
24 NEIGHBORS WITHOUT AN ADDRESS, JUST THE NEEDS WITHIN THIS
25 COMMUNITY, WITHIN THIS COUNTY TO HELP WITH THAT, TO COME UP

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1 WITH SOLUTIONS, TO BE A BLESSING, GOD, I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD
2 LEAD THIS MEETING TODAY, GIVE UNDERSTANDING AND OPENNESS. AND
3 I PRAY FOR EACH OF THE LEADERS HERE TODAY, GOD, THAT YOU WOULD
4 CONTINUE TO BLESS THEM WITH A SENSE OF UNITY AND GOOD OPENNESS
5 AND COMMUNICATION AND CLARITY. THANK YOU FOR COMMUNITY
6 SERVANTS THAT ARE DOING WHAT YOU'VE CALLED THEM TO DO. AND WE
7 PRAY YOUR BLESSING ON THIS MEETING TODAY. IN YOUR NAME I PRAY,
8 AMEN.

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10 **BONNIE LASTRA:** AMEN. PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF
11 ALLEGIANCE. TURN AND FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER
12 YOUR HEART. ANY VETERANS FEEL FREE TO RENDER A SALUTE. [PLEDGE
13 OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S MY PLEASURE
18 TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PASTOR KEN GOODBAN
19 FROM CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE GREAT CITY OF BELLFLOWER
20 FOR TAKING THIS TIME TO PROVIDE THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING.
21 HE HAS ENJOYED SERVING IN THE MINISTRY FOR OVER 30 YEARS AS AN
22 ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF ADULT MINISTRIES AT CALVARY BAPTIST
23 CHURCH, A SENIOR PASTOR AT LAKE ELSINORE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN
24 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND RETURNED TO CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN
25 BELLFLOWER IN JULY OF 2014 WHERE HE NOW SERVES AS SENIOR

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1 PASTOR. BOTH KEN AND HIS WIFE DAWN GREW UP IN BELLFLOWER,
2 BEGAN DATING AS STUDENTS AT BELLFLOWER HIGH SCHOOL THERE WHERE
3 THEY GRADUATED TOGETHER IN 1979. THEY'VE BEEN MARRIED FOR
4 ALMOST 35 YEARS, HAVE FOUR GROWN AND MARRIED CHILDREN, SIX
5 GRANDCHILDREN, I'M SUPPOSED TO ADD, AND ONE ON THE WAY. SO,
6 PASTOR KEN AND DAWN LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH THE FAMILY AND
7 OBVIOUSLY SERVING IN THE MINISTRY. SO WE THANK YOU FOR THAT,
8 AND WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEAD US IN THE
9 INVOCATION THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S MY PLEASURE
14 TO HONOR TODAY OUR PLEDGE VETERAN, BONNIE LASTRA. WE WERE LED
15 IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY STAFF SERGEANT BONNIE LASTRA OF
16 THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. SHE SERVED FROM 1987 TO 2002.
17 STAFF SERGEANT LASTRA WORKS IN OUR L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
18 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE RANCHO PARK DISTRICT 16 OFFICE.
19 SHE'S A GRADUATE OF CRENSHAW- DORSEY ADULT SCHOOL AND EL
20 CAMINO AND I.C.D.C. COLLEGES. SHE'S A MOTHER OF TWO. STAFF
21 SERGEANT LASTRA HAS TWO GROWN CHILDREN, BRITANNIA AND HELEN.
22 PLEASE HELP ME THANK HER VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW I'LL ASK THE EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICE TO CALL THE AGENDA.

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2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME
3 CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA, WE WILL BEGIN
4 ON PAGE 3, POLICY MATTER. ON ITEM P-1, THIS ITEM RELATES TO
5 ITEMS 8, 9 AND 47-A. WE WILL HOLD THESE ITEMS TOGETHER. ON
6 ITEM R-1, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
7 CONTINUED TO MARCH 1, 2016. ON PAGE 4, SPECIAL DISTRICTS
8 AGENDAS, ON ITEM NO. 1-D, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION ON THE
9 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO ON ITEMS 2-D AND 3-D, A
11 MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE
12 HELD. ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
13 AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-H, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
14 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
15 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ON ITEM 2-P, A MEMBER
16 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 1-P IS
17 BEFORE YOU.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED.
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 8, BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17. ON ITEM NO. 1, A MEMBER OF
24 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 2,
25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED

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1 ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 16, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 4, A MEMBER OF THE
2 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** KNABE WHAT ITEM WAS THAT?

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6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 4. ALSO ON
7 ITEMS 5 AND 6, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
8 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 7, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
9 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
10 NO. 8 AND ITEM NO. 9, THESE WILL ALL BE TAKEN UP WITH ITEMS P-
11 1 AND 47-A. ON ITEM NO. 10, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
12 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 11, THIS INCLUDES THE
13 REVISIONS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 12, A MEMBER
14 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ITEM NO.
15 17, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
16 THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE
17 YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED,
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 19 CONSENT
23 CALENDAR, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 45, ON ITEM 18, A MEMBER OF THE
24 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 19, THE CHIEF
25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS ITEM BE RECEIVED AND

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1 FILED. THERE IS NO ORAL REPORT; HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
2 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 20 AND 21 AND 24, A
3 MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE
4 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 25, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE
5 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 27, THE
6 DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS
7 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 16, 2016. ON ITEM 28,
8 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
9 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 16, 2016. ON ITEM 29 AND 30,
10 A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE
11 HELD. ON ITEM 37 AND 38, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
12 REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 41, A MEMBER OF THE
13 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 44 AND 45, A
14 MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE
15 HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE
16 BEFORE YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
19 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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21 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 30, SEPARATE
22 MATTER, ITEM 46, THIS IS A TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S
23 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
24 AND SALE OF LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL
25 OBLIGATION BONDS ELECTIONS OF 2004 MEASURE R 2005 MEASURE Y

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1 AND 200U MEASURE Q, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
2 EXCEED \$900 MILLION TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS
3 SCHOOL FACILITIES. AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 47-A, WE WILL TAKE
5 THIS UP WITH RELATED ITEMS P-1, 8 AND 9. ON 47-B, SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
7 HELD. ON ITEM 47-C, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINS AND
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS VOTES NO AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
9 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 47-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
12 SECONDED BY SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** THAT COMPLETES THE
15 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
16 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SECOND DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I DON'T HAVE
22 PRESENTATIONS TODAY, SO I WILL DEFER TO THE THIRD DISTRICT,
23 BUT I DO WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE ONE OF
24 OUR COLLABORATORS IN OUR WORK ON THE MATTER OF HOMELESSNESS IN
25 BOTH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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1 THE CHAIR OF THE HOMELESS STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF
2 LOS ANGELES HAS CHOSEN TO COME OVER AND JOIN US IN OUR
3 DELIBERATIONS. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE AND WELCOME COUNCILMAN
4 MARQUEECE HARRIS- DAWSON. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T
5 YOU? [APPLAUSE.] I TURN THE FLOOR BACK TO YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO YOU HAVE? NONE?
8 KNABE?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO CALL
11 UP THE 2015 LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONS ALONG
12 WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONS GOLF
13 OPERATIONS TEAM. 2015 MARKS THE 10TH YEAR THAT THE DEPARTMENT
14 OF PARKS AND RECREATION HAS HOSTED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS. OVER 1,000 GOLFERS, JUNIOR GOLFERS,
16 COMPETED IN 7 EVENTS WITH ONE TOURNAMENT BEING HELD IN EACH OF
17 OUR DISTRICTS. THERE WERE 135 QUALIFIERS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP
18 FINALS WHICH WERE HELD IN MOUNTAIN MEADOWS GOLF COURSE AND LOS
19 AMIGOS GOLF COURSE. FIRST OF ALL, WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE MAJOR
20 SPONSORS FOR MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.
21 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION, ROGER DUNN GOLF
22 SHOPS, LEN KENNETT, HONORARY STARTER AND LIFETIME JUNIOR GOLF
23 ADVOCATE. AND AS I TOLD THE KIDS UPSTAIRS. IF IT WASN'T FOR
24 MR. KENNETT, I DON'T THINK THERE WOULD BE A JUNIOR GOLF OR A
25 WOMEN'S GOLF PROGRAM WHICH HE STARTED OVER 60 YEARS AGO. THE

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1 AMERICAN JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION AND THE JUNIOR GOLF
2 SCOREBOARD. AND MR. EARL GILLINGS WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
3 GOLF ASSOCIATION AND HIS EFFORTS AND THE S.C.G.A.'S EFFORTS AS
4 WELL, TOO. LASTLY, WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR LESSEES AT THE
5 GOLF COURSES WHO PROVIDED FREE RANGE BALLS AND THE USE OF THE
6 GOLF COURSES AT NO CHARGE. SO NOW, JOIN ME AS WE HONOR AND
7 RECOGNIZE OUR CHAMPIONS. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL
8 PRESENTATION BECAUSE IN THE 12 TO 14 AGE BRACKET IN THE
9 WOMEN'S GOLF, WE HAVE ANGELINA KIM FROM LOS ANGELES. HER FINAL
10 SCORE WAS A 69. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, SHE HAS WON THIS BRACKET
11 THREE YEARS IN A ROW. OUR FIRST THREE-PEAT. [APPLAUSE.] ALL
12 RIGHT. MUST BE ON THE TEN. SO THE OTHER TWO GIRLS' CHAMPIONS
13 COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY BUT WE'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THEM. IN
14 THE 15 TO 18-YEAR-OLD, WE HAVE AMY MASUOKA FROM NEWPORT BEACH
15 AND CONGRATULATIONS TO 11 UNDER CHAMP KELLY ZHOU FROM SANTA
16 MONICA. KELLY WON THE TOURNAMENT, AS WELL IN A THREE-WAY
17 SUDDEN DEATH PLAYOFF. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR THOSE OF YOU
18 THAT WATCH THE MASTERS GOLF IF YOU'RE A GOLFER, SHE WON THE
19 DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT CONTEST AT THE 2015 MASTERS' TOURNAMENT.
20 NOW FOR OUR BOYS. FIRST THAT WE HAVE FROM NORTHRIDGE, WE HAVE
21 MR. LUKE WINFIELD, OUR 14 TO 15 CHAMPION AND WE WANT TO
22 CONGRATULATE LUKE. [APPLAUSE.] OUR 12 TO 13 CHAMPION IS MR.
23 JERRY WU FROM TEMPLE CITY. HIS FINAL SCORE WAS A 70, 69 WITH A
24 THREE-STROKE VICTORY. HE ALSO WON THE 2014, 11 AND UNDER LAST
25 YEAR. SO IT'S TWO YEARS IN A ROW, TWO DIFFERENT BRACKETS.

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1 CONGRATULATIONS, JERRY. [APPLAUSE.] AND IN OUR BOYS 11 AND
2 UNDER CHAMPION, MR. HENRY YANG FROM CHINO. WE WANT TO
3 CONGRATULATE HENRY. [APPLAUSE.] AND THEN FINALLY WE HAVE
4 ANOTHER WINNER BUT HE'S NOT HERE YET, SO WHEN HE GETS HERE,
5 WE'LL GIVE HIM HIS SCROLL, BUT FROM CITY OF CERRITOS, MY
6 HOMETOWN, WE HAVE CHRISTOPHER KIM WHO WON THAT BRACKET. SO WE
7 WANT TO CONGRATULATE CHRISTOPHER AND HOPEFULLY HE'LL GET HERE
8 SHORTLY. SO HOW ABOUT A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR ALL OF OUR
9 WINNERS? [APPLAUSE.] JOHN WICKER, OUR DIRECTOR, DO YOU WANT TO
10 SAY A COUPLE WORDS?

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12 **JOHN WICKER:** THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE
13 AND GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR
14 CHAMPIONS. YOU KNOW, REMEMBER THESE NAMES AND THESE FACES
15 BECAUSE I'M SURE THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE A LOT MORE OF THEM
16 THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. YOU KNOW, ALL OF THESE GOLFERS HERE ARE
17 TALKING ABOUT ALREADY BREAKING PAR AND CONSISTENTLY BREAKING
18 PAR. THAT'S JUST AMAZING TO ME, ESPECIALLY AS A HACKER THAT
19 HAS NEVER BROKEN PAR. WE'VE GOT SOME GREAT TALENT HERE. IT'S
20 GREAT TO SEE IT AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE. I WISH THEM ALL THE BEST
21 OF LUCK IN THE FUTURE. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY
22 SINCERE THANKS TO OUR ENTIRE GOLF TEAM THAT WORKS HARD TO WORK
23 TOGETHER AND HOST THESE CHAMPION EVENTS AND ALL THESE EVENTS
24 THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. WE'VE GOT A GREAT TEAM BACK HERE, SO
25 THANK YOU TO THEM. AND MY SINCERE THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KNABE

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1 FOR HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR GOLF PROGRAMS AND THE SUPPORT
2 OF JUNIOR GOLFS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. HE'S REALLY MADE A
3 DIFFERENCE IN THE PROMOTION OF GOLF AND THE TEACHING OF GOLF,
4 AS WELL. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** AGAIN, OUR 2015 JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONS THROUGHOUT
7 ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT, MADAME CHAIR, I
8 HAVE ONE MORE PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE TO ASK BLAIR TAYLOR, THE
9 CHIEF COMMUNITY OFFICER AND PRESIDENT OF THE STARBUCKS
10 FOUNDATION, JEFFREY WALLACE, PRESIDENT OF LEADERSHIP UP AND
11 HIS TEAM, AS WELL AS OUR OWN CYNTHIA BANKS, OUR DIRECTOR OF
12 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, AND HER TEAM. THERE ARE 5.6
13 MILLION AMERICANS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 24 WHO ARE NOT
14 EMPLOYED OR IN SCHOOL. HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 2 IN 5
15 PEOPLE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED MEET THE SAME DESCRIPTION. SINCE
16 2006, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS BEEN WORKING ON EFFORTS TO REACH
17 AND EMPLOY YOUNG PEOPLE. AS A RESULT, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
18 KIDS HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO WORK IN GOVERNMENT,
19 BUSINESS OR OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT OUR
20 COUNTY. STARBUCKS HAS ALSO BEEN ON THE FOREFRONT OF ADDRESSING
21 YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT. THEY CREATED LEADERSHIP UP IN 2013 WHICH
22 HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MAIN DRIVING FORCES TO INCREASE YOUTH
23 EMPLOYMENT NATIONALLY. WE'VE ALWAYS SAID HERE AS A BOARD THAT
24 ALL A KID NEEDS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE THEMSELVES AND WORK
25 HARD. THE SOLE FOCUS OF LEADERSHIP UP IS TO DELIVER THESE

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1 OPPORTUNITIES TO AT LEAST 100,000 OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. LAST
2 YEAR, STARBUCKS AND 35 OTHER COMPANIES, INCLUDING TACO BELL,
3 J.C. PENNEY, MICROSOFT, ALASKA AIRLINES AND OTHERS, LAUNCHED
4 THE 100,000 OPPORTUNITIES INITIATIVE. THIS IS A NATIONAL
5 PROGRAM TO ENGAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO HIRE AND RETAIN
6 THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AT LEAST 100,000, ACROSS OUR GREAT
7 NATION. NOW I'M HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT LEADERSHIP UP IS
8 BRINGING THE SHOW HERE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS THURSDAY,
9 AT THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER, WILL BE THE SITE FOR ONE
10 OF THE LARGEST YOUTH EMPLOYMENT JOB FAIRS WE HAVE EVER SEEN.
11 5,000 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND AND HAVE THE CHANCE
12 TO INTERVIEW FOR JOBS, RECEIVE JOB TRAINING, REFERRALS TO
13 EMPLOYMENT-RELATED SERVICES AND MORE. I'M PROUD TO SAY ALSO
14 THAT OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAMILY WILL BE THERE IN FULL
15 FORCE, AS WELL. SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO
16 COMMEMORATE LEADERSHIP UP MONTH HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
17 ASK BLAIR TO SHARE A FEW WORDS WITH US.

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19 **BLAIR TAYLOR:** GOOD MORNING. IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH
20 ALL OF YOU. 25-YEAR RESIDENT IN LOS ANGELES BEFORE THEY MOVED
21 ME UP TO SEATTLE, SUPERVISOR, SO IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK HOME.
22 JUST REALLY QUICKLY. THIS ISSUE OF OPPORTUNITY YOUTH IS 16 TO
23 24-YEAR-OLDS NOT AT WORK, NOT IN SCHOOL. 5.5 MILLION, AS THE
24 SUPERVISOR SAID, ACROSS THE COUNTRY. 200,000 OF THOSE YOUNG
25 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT AT WORK AND NOT IN SCHOOL ARE RIGHT HERE IN

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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE WANT TO MAKE A DENT IN THAT NUMBER.
2 AND SO WHAT YOU'VE SEEN THROUGH LEADERSUP IS AN INCREDIBLE
3 ORGANIZATION. THE PRESIDENT OF LEADERSUP IS HERE, JEFFERY
4 WALLACE, WHO I'LL TURN THIS OVER TO IN A SECOND. BUT LEADERSUP
5 IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS HAS HELPED TO COALESCE THE FOCUS
6 AND ATTENTION OF CITIES AND CORPORATE AMERICA ON THIS ISSUE.
7 AND CORPORATE AMERICA HAS BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH
8 LEADERSUP, WITH CITIES AND WITH COUNTIES, WITH NONPROFITS,
9 WITH FOR PROFITS AND WE'RE BRINGING THIS EFFORT TO LOS ANGELES
10 WITH OUR LAUNCH THIS THURSDAY, AS THE SUPERVISOR SAID. JEFFERY
11 AND HIS TEAM HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK WORKING WITH THE WORKFORCE
12 DEVELOPMENT ARM WITH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY, GETTING YOUNG
13 PEOPLE READY AND PREPARED FOR THE JOB INTERVIEWS. AND I'M
14 THRILLED TO TELL YOU THIS MORNING, SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE 2,000
15 PLUS JOBS COMMITTED FROM EMPLOYERS FOR THIS THURSDAY AT THE
16 EVENT AT THE CONVENTION CENTER. [APPLAUSE.] SO WITH THAT, I
17 JUST WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE ON BEHALF OF OUR YOUNG
19 PEOPLE AND I'D LIKE TO WELCOME UP THE PRESIDENT OF LEADERSUP
20 IN A MOMENT, MR. JEFFERY WALLACE. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **JEFFERY WALLACE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE WANT TO THANK
23 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
24 THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THAT
25 OPPORTUNITY YOUTH, THE 200,000 YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT OF

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1 SCHOOL AND OUT OF WORK ACROSS THE NATION IS NOT JUST A SOCIAL
2 IMPERATIVE FOR US TO ENSURE THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE
3 CONNECTED BACK TO A SECURE LIVELIHOOD, BUT IT'S ALSO A
4 BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC IMPERATIVE. THERE'S \$2.7 BILLION THAT IS
5 LOST IN TAX BURDENS WITH US NOT CONNECTING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
6 TO BACK TO WORK ANNUALLY. SO IT'S A BUSINESS IMPERATIVE, AS
7 WELL, BECAUSE 82 PERCENT OF BUSINESSES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY
8 TODAY SAY THAT FINDING AND KEEPING THE RIGHT TALENT IS THE KEY
9 TO THEIR SUCCESS. AND WE'RE GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO PARTNER
10 WITH L.A. COUNTY TO BRIDGE THAT DIVIDE BETWEEN THIS UNTAPPED
11 POTENTIAL OF 200,000 YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE BUSINESS CHALLENGE
12 OF FINDING AND KEEPING THE RIGHT TALENT. WE THANK SUPERVISOR
13 KNABE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. WE THANK CYNTHIA BANKS
14 FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND HER STAFF'S INNOVATION ON THIS ISSUE.
15 AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO NOT JUST CONNECTING OVER A
16 THOUSAND YOUNG PEOPLE TO EMPLOYMENT ON THURSDAY, BUT A COUPLE
17 THOUSAND OF YOUNG PEOPLE, TENS OF THOUSANDS OVER THE NEXT TWO
18 YEARS THAT WE PARTNER WITH L.A. COUNTY AND YOUR WORKFORCE
19 INVESTMENT BOARD AND WE CHANNEL THE BUSINESS ENERGY AROUND
20 THIS ISSUE TO BRIDGE THE DIVIDE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
21 [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE BOARD
24 FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH THE YEARS WITH REGARDS TO YOUTH
25 EMPLOYMENT. THERE HAS BEEN A COMMITMENT BY THIS BOARD TO FUND

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1 YOUTH PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. WE KNOW THAT THIS YEAR
2 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTY
3 DEPARTMENTS AND CITY DEPARTMENTS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
4 BOARDS ARE WORKING TO EMPLOY OVER 12,000 YOUTH. AND I THINK
5 THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE BECAUSE 12,000 YOUTH ARE A
6 NUMBER OF YOUTH THAT HAVE STARTED ON THE PATH TO
7 SUSTAINABILITY. AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT. WE
8 KNOW THAT WORKING WITH LEADERSUP AND ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
9 JEFFREY WALLACE, THAT THURSDAY'S EVENT, WHICH ALREADY HAS OVER
10 5,000 RESIDENTS, WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS. AND WE LOOK FORWARD
11 TO WORKING WITH LEADERSUP, STARBUCKS AND ALL OF THE OTHER
12 COMPANIES THAT WILL BE THERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE START YOUTH
13 ON A PATHWAY TO SUSTAINABILITY. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE AN
14 OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT, THE WEBSITE IS
15 WWW.100KOPPORTUNITIES.ORG/LA. THAT'S
16 WWW.100KOPPORTUNITIES.ORG/LA. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR?

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS RECOGNIZED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS A REAL GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD
23 TODAY TO MEET ONE OF OUR GREAT MAYORS OF THE WORLD, THAT'S THE
24 MAYOR OF DUBROVNIK CROATIA, DR. ANDRO VLAHUSIC WHO IS HERE
25 VISITING TODAY. AND AS MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN, THE TELEVISION,

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1 "GAME OF THRONES," THAT WAS FILMED IN DUBROVNIK IN CROATIA.
2 AND THEY ARE WORKING NOW AND HAVING MEETINGS WITH DISNEY FOR
3 ADDITIONAL FILMING THAT WILL BE DONE IN CROATIA. THE CITY'S
4 KNOWN FOR ITS DISTINCTIVE OLD TOWN, MASSIVE STONE WALLS FROM
5 THE 16TH CENTURY, WHICH PROVIDES A PERFECT BACKDROP FOR FILMS
6 AND TELEVISION SERIES. DR. VLAHUSIC RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE OF
7 MEDICINE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. HE
8 WAS MAYOR OF DUBROVNIK SINCE 2009, FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.
9 HE WAS FORMERLY MINISTER OF HEALTH FOR THE REPUBLIC OF
10 CROATIA, MEMBER OF THE CROATIAN PARLIAMENT, MEMBER OF THE
11 DUBROVNIK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND A DIRECTOR OF DUBROVNIK'S
12 GENERAL HOSPITAL. HE WAS ALSO FOUNDER/PRESIDENT OF THE
13 CROATIAN ASSOCIATION OF HISTORIC TOWNS, THE HEALTHY CITY
14 ASSOCIATION, THE SOCIETY FOR DIABETES PREVENTION. AND WITH HIM
15 TODAY IS OUR CONSUL GENERAL, DR. GRGIC, WHO WAS HERE A FEW
16 MONTHS AGO WHEN HE FIRST WAS POSTED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 JOINING ABOUT 103 CONSUL GENERALS WHO ARE POSTED HERE,
18 REPRESENTING ALL OF THE VARIOUS NATIONS OF THE WORLD. AND
19 ALONG WITH HIM IS THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, IGOR DERANJA WHO IS
20 HERE. SO, MR. MAYOR, WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION,
21 GIVE YOU A BIG WELCOME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU AT
22 DISNEY, WHICH IS PART OF MY DISTRICT, AS WELL, DOING A GREAT
23 PARTNERSHIP WITH CROATIA AND DISNEY AND THE UNITED STATES.
24 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **HON. ANDRO VLAHUSIC:** HONORABLE MR. ANTONOVICH, HONORABLE
2 SUPERVISORS, IT'S A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO BE HERE. LIKE MAYOR
3 OF DUBROVNIK, LIKE CITIZENS OF DUBROVNIK. FIRST OF ALL, THANK
4 YOU VERY MUCH FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND FOR LOS ANGELES CITY
5 WHO ADOPT HUGE NUMBER OF CROATS WHO LIVE HERE, HUGE NUMBER OF
6 CITIZENS OF DUBROVNIK WHO ARE FULL MEMBERS OF YOUR SOCIETY AND
7 IT'S SO NICE TO HAVE CELEBRATION DURING ST. BLAISE'S
8 CELEBRATION A FEW DAYS AGO. FOR US, WE ARE SO PROUD THAT WE
9 ARE LIKE SMALL, INDEPENDENT CITY STATE. WAS ONE OF THE FIRST
10 WHICH RECOGNIZED INDEPENDENCE OF UNITED STATES IN 1777. WE ARE
11 ALSO PROUD THAT THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE 600 YEARS THAT CITY WAS
12 ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE WORLD WHICH FORBID TRADE WITH SLAVES
13 IN 14, 16 YEARS. WE HAVE A LOT OF AMERICAN TOURISTS AND WE ARE
14 SO HAPPY THAT WE ARE HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
15 EFFORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR DOING EXCELLENT JOB FOR YOUR
16 SOCIETY AND FOR CROATIAN SOCIETY. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO THE CONSUL GENERAL FOR THE REPUBLIC OF
19 CROATIA, DR. GRGIC.

20

21 **HON. SINISA GRGIC:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO
22 THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR ALL HIS WORK FOR CROATIAN
23 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE
24 DECADES IN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND OF COURSE I WELCOME ALSO
25 THE MAYOR OF DUBROVNIK. AND I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MEET

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1 MR. ANDRO VLAHUSIC, THE MAYOR HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, COULD I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION,
5 PLEASE?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A MOST REMARKABLE, REMARKABLE
8 ACCOMPLISHMENT. THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE BOARD
9 OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS WILL RECOGNIZE THE
10 LEADERSHIP BEHIND ME AND YOU'LL RECOGNIZE A FEW OF THE
11 STUDENTS BEHIND ME, NOT FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, BUT PERHAPS FOR
12 THE PAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS BECAUSE THIS IS SAUGUS HIGH
13 SCHOOL, HAS DONE WHAT IS MOST SCHOOLS' DREAM. THIS IS THE
14 TENTH YEAR THEY WIN THE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP. THE C.I.F.
15 TITLES THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED, OF THE 7 RUNNERS, ONLY ONE,
16 MISS CASTILLO AND ASHLEY HEYS RETURNED FROM LAST YEAR'S STATE
17 CHAMPIONSHIP. HOWEVER, THE NEWCOMER, KAYLEE THOMPSON WAS HER
18 TEAM'S TOP FINISHER WITH A 7TH PLACE TIME OF 17 MINUTES 52.3
19 SECONDS. IN THE INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE BOYS,
20 DIVISION II RACE, RYAN PLACED 4TH, DEFENDING SAUGUS' TITLE.
21 THIS IS REALLY REMARKABLE. WE HAVE WITH US THE COACHES, RENE,
22 WHO HAS THE SECRET ON HOW TO WIN AND IT'S ALL IN PREPARATION,
23 FUNDAMENTALS, BREATHING AND COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION. AND YOU
24 CAN SEE THAT FROM THE STUDENTS WHO WERE ABLE TO TRAIN UNDER
25 RENE, THAT THIS TYPE OF EXPERIENCE HELPS THEM GO ON WITH THEIR

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1 ACADEMIC SKILLS, TO THE UNIVERSITY AND BECOME PRODUCTIVE
2 MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY. COACH IS RENE, MICHAELA FRANKIAN
3 [PH?], BAXTER FRICK AND JOSE FLORES, AND THEIR PRINCIPAL, BILL
4 BOLDE, IS HERE ONCE AGAIN. AND IT'S A GREAT SCHOOL. THEY HAVE
5 A GREAT ENVIRONMENT OF EDUCATION AND LEARNING. THEY HAVE GREAT
6 PARENTAL SUPPORT, GREAT COMMUNITY SUPPORT. AND IT'S JUST A
7 PLEASURE TO WELCOME THEM BACK AND CONGRATULATE THEM IN THIS
8 GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT, WINNING THE C.I.F. TITLE. AND AGAIN FOR
9 THE 10TH YEAR IN A ROW. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **BILL BOLDE:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT IS INDEED AN HONOR TO
12 BE HERE AGAIN. MOST PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN COMPREHEND WHAT IT'S
13 LIKE TO WIN ONE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP LET ALONE TO BE BACK HERE
14 10 YEARS IN A ROW. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY THAT WE'VE BEEN
15 ON. AND I'M GOING TO SAY A COUPLE THINGS AT THE END, BUT I
16 WANT TO BRING UP ONE OF OUR SENIORS, ASHLEY HEYS. THEN I'LL
17 BRING UP OUR HEAD COACH RENE PARAGA. SO ASHLEY? [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **ASHLEY HEYS:** GOOD MORNING. ME AND MY CO-CAPTAIN HERE EMMA BARR
20 HAD THE PLEASURE OF AWARDING MR. ANTONOVICH WITH AN AWARD FROM
21 SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL AND ESPECIALLY THE SAUGUS CROSS COUNTRY
22 TEAM FOR JUST YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEARS. AND
23 IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING WE LOOK FORWARD TO, COMING HERE AND
24 BEING REPRESENTED AND AWARDED FOR OUR ACCOMPLISHMENT. SO IT

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1 JUST MAKES WINNING A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP THAT MUCH BETTER. SO
2 THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **RENE PARAGA:** I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS. FOR THE
5 BETTER PART OF A DECADE, WE'VE BEEN HONORED. AND IT'S LIKE,
6 ASHLEY HAD SAID, IT'S AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE TO BE ABLE TO COME
7 TO LOS ANGELES AND SEE THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN ACTION. AND MR.
8 ANTONOVICH HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF US. MR. BOLDE, THE
9 SCHOOL, THE PARENTS, WE'VE WORKED REALLY HARD TO DO THIS. AND
10 FOR 10 STRAIGHT YEARS IT'S SOMETHING WE'RE VERY, VERY, VERY
11 PROUD OF, AND WE HOPE TO BE BACK NEXT YEAR.

12

13 **BILL BOLDE:** I'VE GOT JUST ONE MORE THING TO SAY. THE AWARD
14 THAT THE GIRLS COLLECTIVELY PRESENTED TO THE SUPERVISOR, WE
15 CALL THAT THE ORDER OF CENTURION PRIDE. IT IS THE HIGHEST
16 HONOR THAT WE OFFER AT SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL FOR INDIVIDUALS.
17 NORMALLY THEY ARE A PART OF THE TEACHING FACULTY WHO HAVE GONE
18 ON AND RETIRED, PUT IN MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. WE TALK ABOUT 10
19 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE FOR THESE YOUNG LADIES AND WHAT THEY'VE
20 ACCOMPLISHED. BUT WHEN YOU THINK OF THE 36 YEARS, YOU,
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HAVE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE IN YOUR
22 DISTRICT HERE IN LOS ANGELES, I'M A 40-YEAR MEMBER OF THE
23 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SO I GO BACK A LONG WAYS. AND I KNOW HOW
24 SIGNIFICANT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN, NOT JUST TO SAUGUS
25 HIGH SCHOOL IN REFERENCE TO THIS HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

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1 TEAM, BUT WHAT I STAND HERE TODAY AND REPRESENT EVERY MEMBER
2 OF SANTA CLARITA AND SAY THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
3 CONTINUED SERVICE TO ALL OF US BECAUSE OUR CITY WAS BORN UNDER
4 YOUR LEADERSHIP. LEADERSHIP MATTERS, AND YOU'RE AMAZING. YOU
5 DO HAVE AN EXCELLENT STAFF AND WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEM,
6 TOO. SO THANK YOU AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS HENRY NAMED AFTER OUR PHOTOGRAPHER.
9 THIS IS HENRY, A MINIATURE PINSCHER, WHO IS FIVE YEARS OLD,
10 LOOKING FOR A HOME. OH MY GOODNESS. THIS IS LITTLE HENRY. BIG
11 HENRY IS GOING TO TAKE HIS PICTURE RIGHT NOW. YOU CAN ADOPT
12 HENRY AT 562-256-1649. I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, THERE
13 WAS A RADIO PROGRAM, "OH HENRY." REMEMBER THAT? AND "JUST
14 PLAIN BILL," THAT WAS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE OLD TIME-- ANYWAY,
15 LITTLE HENRY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHEILA REMEMBERS THAT,
16 RIGHT? HENRY, WE'LL GET YOU A LITTLE HOME.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO
19 CALL UP MAYOR PETER CHAN, COUNCILMEMBER HANS LIANG,
20 COUNCILMEMBER TERESA REAL SEBASTIAN AND CITY CLERK VINCENT
21 CHANG. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE WITH US THIS MORNING.
22 TODAY I'M HONORED TO RECOGNIZE THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK,
23 WHICH I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF REPRESENTING IN THE PAST FOR
24 ALMOST 20-- I THINK 20 YEARS OR SO AS AN ASSEMBLY PERSON, A
25 SENATOR AND A CONGRESSWOMAN. AND I'VE ALWAYS FELT MUCH

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1 ADMIRATION FOR ALL THE FESTIVITIES THAT YOU PUT ON FOR THE SAN
2 GABRIEL VALLEY AND THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND IN PARTICULAR
3 THE CELEBRATION THAT YOU DO EACH YEAR TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR
4 NEW YEAR FESTIVAL. SO I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE CITY OF
5 MONTEREY PARK, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL OF THE COMMUNITY
6 PARTNERS AND WELCOME ALSO THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY, BECAUSE THAT
7 BRINGS US GOOD LUCK, WITH A FESTIVAL THAT ATTRACTED THOUSANDS
8 AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER L.A. COUNTY. THIS TWO-
9 DAY EVENT, MEMBERS, PROVIDES FREE FESTIVAL, FEATURED OVER 270
10 BOOTHS STAFFED BY MERCHANTS, ORGANIZATIONS, FOOD VENDORS AND
11 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT. THERE WERE TWO STAGES THAT WERE PROVIDED
12 AND CARNIVAL RIDES FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. THE
13 FESTIVAL WAS SO LARGE THAT IT TOOK UP 7 BLOCKS FROM GARVEY
14 FROM ALHAMBRA TO RAMONA AVENUES. SO I KNOW IT'S A COMBINATION
15 OF DIFFERENT CITIES COMING TOGETHER AND PUTTING THIS TOGETHER
16 BECAUSE I KNOW IN THE PAST, THAT WAS ALWAYS CONCERN. BUT NOW
17 THAT WE'VE ALL COME TOGETHER, IT'S A MUCH GREATER FESTIVAL. SO
18 THE FESTIVAL, AS YOU KNOW, SHOWCASES A DIVERSITY OF OUR
19 COUNTRY AND GIVES MANY PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT
20 THE VARIETY OF CULTURES THAT EXISTS RIGHT HERE IN THE SAN
21 GABRIEL VALLEY. I WANT TO COMMEND THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, THEIR
22 STAFF, THE VOLUNTEERS, AND EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS A SUCCESSFUL
23 YEAR OF THE MONKEY AND LUNAR NEW YEAR. SO ON BEHALF OF THE
24 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE
25 CITY OF MONTEREY PARK IN RECOGNITION OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO

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1 THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE CIVIC PRIDE DEMONSTRATED
2 BY NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE CITIZENS
3 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO THANK COUNTY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR
6 PUTTING THIS TOGETHER IN HONOR FOR OUR CITY. AND IT'S GREAT TO
7 HOST THE BIGGEST AND THE FINEST LUNAR NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL IN
8 UNITED STATES. I THINK IT IS ONE OF THE BEST THE. AND OVER
9 200,000 PEOPLE CAME BY ALTHOUGH WE WERE CUT SHORT BY THE WIND
10 AND THE RAIN ON SUNDAY BUT STILL A GREAT EVENT. AND THIS IS
11 THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY. AND IT SIGNIFIES PROSPERITY AND
12 HEALTHY AND ENJOYABLE YEAR. AND ONE OF OUR COUNCILMEMBERS,
13 HANS LIANG, IS ALSO A MONKEY. SO THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
14 WILL BE UP TO A NEW YEAR. ANOTHER IS THAT THE CHINESE NEW YEAR
15 SIGNIFIES A FAMILY TOGETHER, THE FAMILY VALUES. BUT ALSO IT
16 SIGNIFIES HOPE BECAUSE WHAT THE TRADITION IS: ALL THE BAD
17 THINGS WILL DIE AND PASS AFTER THE OLD YEAR AND START FRESH
18 AGAIN. AND SO THERE'S NEW HOPE AND SO THAT CARRIES PEOPLE OVER
19 FOR A BETTER NEW YEAR. SO I WISH EVERYONE HERE IN THE CITY OF
20 LOS ANGELES AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES A VERY GOOD AND
21 HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS YEAR OF THE MONKEY. THANK YOU.
22 (APPLAUSE) .

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO
25 ACKNOWLEDGE TWO OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT

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1 WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING A LOT OF WELL-DESERVED ATTENTION FOR
2 THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. I'D LIKE TO BRING UP CEDRICK
3 ARGUETA FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS. AND
4 KARINA AGUILAR GUERRERO FROM GAREY HIGH SCHOOL IN POMONA. BOTH
5 DESERVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR PERFECT SCORES IN THEIR
6 A.P. ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS. [APPLAUSE.] SOME OF YOU MIGHT
7 HAVE SEEN CEDRICK ON TELEVISION RECENTLY. IN FACT, I THINK
8 PRESIDENT OBAMA TWEETED HIM, CONGRATULATING HIM AND ASKING HIM
9 TO COME TO THE WHITE HOUSE, SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL. CEDRICK
10 EARNED A PERFECT SCORE ON THE A.P. CALCULUS EXAM. HE IS ONLY 1
11 OF 12 IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO EVER DO SO. HE DESERVES A ROUND
12 OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND KARINA EARNED A PERFECT SCORE ON
13 A.P. SPANISH ON THAT LANGUAGE EXAM, A TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT,
14 AS WELL. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] CEDRICK AND
15 KARINA ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR HARD WORK, THEIR
16 COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND THEIR DEDICATION TO HITTING THE
17 BOOKS. THEY HAD SOME HELP, THOUGH, ESPECIALLY LOVING HELP AND
18 KINDNESS, ENCOURAGEMENT AND MOST OF ALL SUPPORT FROM THEIR
19 FAMILY. LET'S GIVE THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
20 [APPLAUSE.] MARCOS AND LILLIAN ARGUETA ARE THE PARENTS OF
21 CEDRICK. WE ARE SO PROUD AND HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE WITH US
22 TODAY. AND A ROUND OF APPLAUSE ALSO FOR EDITH AND FERNANDO
23 AGUILAR GUERRERO AND THEIR PARENTS, THE PARENT OF KARINA.
24 [APPLAUSE.] AS WE ALL KNOW, GREAT STUDENTS DON'T HAPPEN
25 OVERNIGHT. IT TAKES A LOT OF HARD WORK. AND IN MANY WAYS, IT

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1 IS THE FAMILY, BUT IT'S ALSO THEIR TEACHERS. SO IT'S ALSO VERY
2 IMPORTANT TO GIVE PRAISE AND TRIBUTE TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO
3 DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO OUR STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE
4 PLACES WHERE MANY STUDENTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO DO WELL. AND I
5 SAY THAT BECAUSE I KNOW IN THE PART OF MY DISTRICT IN EAST LOS
6 ANGELES, BOYLE HEIGHTS, THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL IS ONE OF
7 THOSE SPECIAL GEMS. SO WE WANT TO ALSO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE
8 PRINCIPAL OF LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, MR. JOSE TORRES. [APPLAUSE.]
9 YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE PICTURE. AND ALSO MR. ANTHONY
10 YAN, THE A.P. CALCULUS TEACHER AT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL. WHAT A
11 GEM. WHAT A COMBINATION. [APPLAUSE.] I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT
12 OUR PRINCIPAL FROM GARVEY HIGH SCHOOL IN POMONA, MR. STACEY
13 WILKINS, WHO ALSO DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
14 VERY HUMBLE INDIVIDUALS THAT DON'T ASK FOR MUCH BUT GIVE SO
15 MUCH. I'VE SEEN MR. WILKINS PERFORM IN TERMS OF HIS COMMANDING
16 HIS STUDENT BODY OUT IN POMONA IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND I
17 ALSO HAVE WITNESSED THE TALENTS OF OUR BRAVE TEACHERS AND
18 PRINCIPALS IN EAST LOS ANGELES. IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT
19 WE'RE HERE AND ABLE TO HONOR YOU BECAUSE MORE THAN ANYTHING, I
20 THINK WHAT STANDS OUT IS THAT ON TWO DIFFERENT PARTS OF OUR
21 DISTRICT, SOME OF THE POOREST AREAS IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THESE
22 ZIP CODES, WE SEE SHINING STARS. WE SEE THE POSSIBLE. THE
23 IMPOSSIBLE BECOMES POSSIBLE WHEN WE HAVE DEDICATED FACULTY
24 MEMBERS, STAFF, PARENTS AND A LOVING AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY.
25 WE'RE SO HONORED AND PLEASED TO BE HERE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU

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1 THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION. SO WE THANK YOU CEDRICK ARGUETA AND
2 ALSO KATRINA AGUILAR GUERRERO. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **KATRINA AGUILAR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO MY
5 PARENTS AND TO THE PRINCIPAL IN THE SCHOOLS AND JUST A
6 SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT THERE IS IN MY SCHOOL AND IN MY
7 COMMUNITY THAT HAS HELPED PUSH ME TO DO BETTER AND HAS
8 ENCOURAGED ME TO TRY MY HARDEST IN EVERYTHING I DO.

9 [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **CEDRICK ARGUETA:** I'D LIKE TO SAY THANKS TO MY TEACHER, MR. YAN
14 AND MY PARENTS AND MY WHOLE COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING ME. I
15 JUST WISH THE REST OF MY CLASS WAS HERE, ALL MY FRIENDS,
16 BECAUSE IT REALLY WAS A TEAM EFFORT. ALL OF US WORKED TOGETHER
17 TO ACHIEVE THIS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD ALSO BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T
20 RECOGNIZE OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF THE POMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL
21 DISTRICT, THE HONORABLE RICHARD MARTINEZ. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
22 LEADERSHIP. AGAIN, THANK ALL OF YOU. WHAT A PLEASURE AND
23 DELIGHT TO BE ABLE TO STAND NEXT TO THE NEXT ASTRONAUTS, THE
24 NEXT CHEMISTS OR SCIENTISTS THAT ARE GOING TO HELP US CURE
25 CANCER, DO MANY GREAT THINGS IN OUR SOCIETY. CONGRATULATIONS

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1 TO YOU ALL AND TO YOUR PARENTS. FELICIDADES. THANK YOU.

2 [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IS RECOGNIZED.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR.

5 OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE A RATHER IMPORTANT SET ITEM THAT'S COMING

6 BEFORE US. WE WERE ASKED TO INVITE VARIOUS CITY/COUNTY LEADERS

7 FROM THROUGHOUT OUR REGION, AND SOME OF THEM THOUGHT HIGHLY

8 ENOUGH OF US AND IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE HERE TO DELAY OTHER

9 THINGS THAT THEY HAVE TO DO AND IN SOME WAYS, THAT MEANT THEIR

10 OWN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND THE LIKE SO WE JUST WANTED TO

11 MAKE SURE, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, THAT THEY WERE ACKNOWLEDGED

12 FOR BEING HERE. IN THAT REGARD, MAY I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO

13 MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE HONORED THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF

14 INGLEWOOD TWO WEEKS AGO REGARDING THE N.F.L. RETURN TO THIS

15 REGION, SPECIFICALLY IN THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD. BUT HE IS NOT A

16 ONE DIMENSIONAL MAYOR. HE UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF US

17 WORKING TOGETHER ON THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. SO MAY I

18 ACKNOWLEDGE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, THE HONORABLE

19 JAMES T. BUTTS, WHO IS HERE IN THE HOUSE WITH US. WE WANT TO

20 THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, MR. MAYOR, FOR YOUR PRESENCE. THE

21 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAWDALE, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS, IS HERE.

22 MAYOR ROBERT PULLEN MILES IS HERE. HE HAD ANOTHER

23 RESPONSIBILITY, HE SAID, BUT I WILL COME TODAY BECAUSE THIS IS

24 IMPORTANT. SO WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE HERE. THE MAYOR OF

25 LYNWOOD DECIDED TO COME. HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO COME BECAUSE

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1 HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT. MAYOR JOSE LUIS SOLACHE IS HERE. MR.
2 MAYOR, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND YOUR SUPPORT. AND THEN I
3 THINK THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY IS HERE, THE ONE
4 AND ONLY MICHAEL O'LEARY IS HERE. SO THANK YOU FOR COMING. WE
5 HOPE THAT YOU CAN STAY AND, MICHAEL, MICHAEL'S IN THE HOUSE.
6 AND HE HAS AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT WE WON'T SPEAK OF PUBLICLY
7 BUT WHEN YOU GO TO CULVER CITY, HELP YOURSELF, PARTICULARLY IF
8 YOU'RE INTERESTED IN CELEBRATING EVENTS AROUND ST. PATRICK'S
9 DAY. THE HONORABLE SHEILA JAMES KUEHL.

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11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IF I MAY, MADAME CHAIR?

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SINCE MY COLLEAGUE RECOGNIZED THE HONORABLE
16 MAYORS FROM HIS DISTRICTS, I OF COURSE WANTED TO THANK-- I
17 BELIEVE SHE'LL STAY TO TESTIFY, I HOPE, ABOUT THIS-- BUT THE
18 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, LINDSEY HORVATH. WELCOME
19 HER, AS WELL.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** AND FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT THE HONORABLE MAYOR
22 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THE HONORABLE PAT FUREY.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
25 HEAR FROM OUR MAYORS, AND I REALIZE THAT SOME HAVE COME

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1 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO BE HERE TODAY, SO WE WANT TO
2 RECOGNIZE ALL OF YOU APPROPRIATELY AT THE SET TIME. BUT AT
3 THIS TIME, MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN
4 BROUGHT BEFORE THE PUBLIC, MULTIPLE ITEMS. AND IF WE COULD
5 BEGIN BY THAT AND THEN WE'LL MOVE RIGHT INTO OUR SPECIAL
6 ORDER. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ARNOLD SACHS. HE'S
7 HELD ITEM 3-D, 1-H, 2-P, ITEM 4, 5, 17, 18, 19, 30, 37, 38,
8 45, 46, 47-C. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS HELD ITEMS 10, 20,
9 21, 29, 30, 44. ERIC PREVEN HAS HELD ITEM 1-D, 2-D, 1, 4, 5,
10 6, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 30 AND 41. IN THAT ORDER, CAN YOU
11 PLEASE COME FORWARD?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR? DO WE GET TO WISH OUR COLLEAGUE,
14 SHEILA KUEHL, THE HONORABLE SHEILA KUEHL HAPPY BIRTHDAY? HAPPY
15 BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** FOR THE SECOND TIME. THAT MEANS WE
18 MINUS.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ALMOST ONE FOR EACH DECADE THERE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I WAS HOPING FOR ANOTHER PIECE OF CHOCOLATE CAKE.
23 [LAUGHTER.]

24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, WE ALSO HAVE A READ-IN FOR THE
2 WITNESSES.

3

4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE
5 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE
6 PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT OF THE
7 PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO
8 ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY
9 COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS, ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC OR THE
10 ABILITY BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.
11 THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS OPERATIVE DURING TODAY'S
12 BOARD HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING
13 RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR HAS
14 ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE
15 SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED
16 TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC
17 COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH
18 BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM
19 AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE,
20 PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE
21 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF OR
22 OTHER PERSONS. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
23 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND
24 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT
25 OF THE MEETING. A PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCTS THAT DISRUPTS

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1 THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD
2 MEETING. IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER OF THE
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN
4 ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT
5 AT ARMS OR COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS
8 AND YES I DID HOLD A LOT OF ITEMS. BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 GENEROSITY OF THE THREE MINUTES. I HELD ALL THE MINUTES FOR
10 THE COMMUNITY MEETINGS THAT YOU HAVE ON YOUR AGENDA,
11 ESPECIALLY WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT YOU'RE FACING IN THE
12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
13 MINUTES AND THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE MINUTES JUST
14 BECAUSE IT'S JUST MINUTES. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S ON THE
15 MINUTES. THERE IS NO COPY OF THEM. AND WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS
16 THAT ARE GOING ON IN ALL THE ITEMS THAT YOU ADDRESS, YOU'D
17 WANT TO HAVE SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY WITH A HOMELESSNESS AND THE
18 HOUSING AND THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE REGIONAL
19 PARK AND OPEN SPACE AND THE PROBLEM YOU HAVE WITH PORTER RANCH
20 AND TURNING THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT INTO A PARK. BUT THEN NO
21 MINUTES. I HELD ITEM NO. 4. IT MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT
22 STATED GOALS FOR THE NATIONAL STEPPING UP INITIATIVE. AND I
23 THINK IT'S MORE LIKE SLIDING DOWN. THE STATED GOALS STATE
24 SOMETHING ABOUT CONVENING A GROUP MEETING. I THINK IT WOULD
25 JUST BE BETTER IF THE STATED GOALS WERE TO COME UP WITH AN

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1 IDEA TO ELIMINATE THE PROBLEM IN THE JAILS, REDUCE THE NUMBER
2 OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAIL INSTEAD OF CONVENING A
3 GROUP MEETING. YOU'VE HAD PLENTY OF MEETINGS. I HELD ITEM 18,
4 IT'S AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE 2015-2016 BUDGET TO ADDRESS
5 FINANCING OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS. IT DOESN'T MENTION
6 ANYTHING. IT DOESN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THE FUNDING. 45
7 AND 46 MENTION BONDS THAT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO PUT OUT. IT
8 TOTALED ABOUT \$50 MILLION, OR OVER \$50 MILLION-- 98 MILLION
9 AND 900 MILLION. SO IT'S ALMOST A BILLION DOLLARS IN BONDS,
10 BUT ON YOUR ITEM HERE, ADJUSTMENT OF '15/'16 TO ADDRESS
11 FINANCING, NO FUNDING AVAILABLE. HOW IS IT, THE SCHEDULE OF
12 PAYMENTS FOR THAT? DON'T YOU THINK THE PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW
13 ABOUT THAT ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU PUT UP A BILLION DOLLARS OF
14 BONDS? I HELD THE ITEM 19, IT REFERS TO THE SHERIFF'S HIRING
15 PROCESS. THIS IS AN ITEM FROM OCTOBER 11, 2011 TO HIRE 278
16 SHERIFFS. THIS IS FROM 2013 TO HIRE ANOTHER 130 SHERIFFS. THIS
17 IS AN ITEM FROM 2015 TO HIRE ANOTHER 33 SHERIFFS. THERE'S
18 18,000 SHERIFFS NOW WORKING FOR THE COUNTY, AND WE'RE JUST
19 GOING TO GET INTO A POLICY OF WHAT TO DO ABOUT HIRING NEW
20 ONES? I HELD ITEM 28, \$52 MILLION A YEAR CONTRACT FOR
21 SPEAKERS? SUPERVISOR KNABE GOING ON ABOUT HIS HIRING
22 INITIATIVE. YOU HAVE AN ITEM ABOUT INGLEWOOD. COULDN'T YOU GET
23 THE 2,000 PEOPLE FROM INGLEWOOD ALONE FOR THIS NEW HIRING
24 YOUTH INITIATIVE? I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT
25 NUMBERS IN SOME OF THESE OTHER DISTRICTS--

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, MA'AM, SO SHOULD YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
9 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I HELD NUMEROUS ITEMS BUT I AM GOING TO
10 FOCUS ON A COUPLE OF THEM. ON ITEM 29, HAVING TO DO WITH THE
11 EBOLA INITIATIVE AND SO ON. I AM SURPRISED THAT AT THE SAME
12 TIME YOU HAVE NOT INCORPORATED ZIKA, WHICH IS A VERY SIMILAR
13 ISSUE AND ACTUALLY THERE IS QUITE MONEY AVAILABLE FROM THE
14 WHITE HOUSE TO DEAL WITH ZIKA. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE
15 THAT IF YOU COULD MERGE THE TWO TOGETHER, IT MIGHT BE SAVING
16 SOME MONEY AND SOME LIVES. THE OTHER ITEM IS ITEM 30, AND, YOU
17 KNOW, IT'S THE SAME EVERY WEEK. IT'S SOMETHING HAVING TO DO
18 WITH O.R.C.H.I.D. AND GARTNER. THIS HAS TO STOP. IT IS NOT A
19 WEEK WHERE WE DON'T GIVE MORE MONEY TO THOSE TWO COMPANIES.
20 YOU KNOW, I THINK WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION
21 TECHNOLOGY. I WONDER WHY. I KNOW WHY. THEY ARE THERE TO ASK
22 FOR THE MONEY. AND THAT THEY KNOW HOW TO DO. BUT WHAT'S GOING
23 ON WITH O.R.C.H.I.D. AND GARTNER IS VERY PERNICIOUS. AND IT
24 HAS TO STOP. I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT AS A BOARD, YOU CAN ACCEPT
25 THOSE REQUESTS AND APPROVE THEM CONSISTENTLY. AND I THINK IT'S

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1 A GREAT TIME TO DEMAND AN AUDIT BECAUSE I KNOW NOW WE ARE
2 PASSING MANY, MANY MILLION AND WE'RE PROBABLY VERY CLOSE TO
3 THE BILLION MARK. I MEAN THAT CANNOT CONTINUE. ON ITEM 44
4 HAVING TO DO WITH THE MALPRACTICE HARBOR-U.C.L.A., I JUST HOPE
5 THAT YOU WILL NOT WAIT FOREVER TO WRITE A CHECK LIKE YOU
6 USUALLY DO, EVEN WHEN YOU LOSE. IT WOULD BE NICE THAT WHEN YOU
7 MAKE A MISTAKE, YOU LOSE IN COURT, THAT YOU DO PAY FOR IT AND
8 NOT DEBATE FOREVER HAVING TO DO, YOU KNOW, WITH THE COST OF
9 IT. ALSO, FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, I HAVE AN ARTICLE HAVING
10 TO DO WITH THE MEDICAL BOARD AND A PHYSICIAN WHO ARE UNDER
11 RECOVERY. THANK YOU. IT WILL BE FOR EVERYBODY. HAVE A GOOD
12 DAY.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.
15 YOUR MIC.'S SHOULD BE..

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** IS THIS--? I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU. IT IS
18 ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. GOOD MORNING.
19 TODAY IS OBVIOUSLY THE HISTORIC DAY ON WHICH WE ARE HAVING YET
20 ANOTHER CELEBRATION OF THE NEW HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE, I
21 ASSUME. AND I'M VERY PLEASED ABOUT THIS THAT EVERYBODY HAS
22 ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES, IT'S NOT \$100, BUT \$150 MILLION THAT
23 WE ARE REALLY MAKING SOME EFFORTS. SO THAT'S FANTASTIC. THERE
24 IS A GUY ON THE CORNER SLEEPING ON THE VENT AS WE SPEAK.
25 SOMEBODY SHOULD MAKE SURE HE HAS-- ON THE CORNER OF GRAND AND

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1 HILL-- AT LEAST SOME SUN BLOCK, BECAUSE I WAS CONCERNED AS I
2 WAS RUSHED DOWN TO CITY HALL. SEND SOMEBODY OUT ON THAT. ITEM
3 NO. 2 TODAY IS ONCE AGAIN WE ARE-- NOW WE ARE REALLY FOCUSING
4 ON GETTING A CONSULTANT FOR PROBATION. BECAUSE THOUGH IT IS
5 TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHARACTERS THERE, WE NEEDED A GOOD
6 CONSULTANT. SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND HOPEFULLY THAT
7 CONSULTANT IS GOING TO HAVE A GOOD VIEW, IT SEEMS, ON THE
8 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADULTS AND JUVENILES. SO THAT IS OBVIOUSLY
9 CRITICAL. ITEM NO. 5, IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT THE HONG KONG
10 GARDEN INC. ARE PLEASED TODAY. THEY ARE PICKING UP AN 8-YEAR
11 LEASE. THIS IS AN A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY NEAR MARK RIDLEY-
12 THOMAS'S FAVORITE PLACE. WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO IS, 10 TO 12
13 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL SHOW UP ON A DAILY BASIS. IT'S
14 MOSTLY AN EMPLOYEE PLACE BUT IT'S A NICE DEAL, AND AND THEY
15 GOT A GOOD TENANT IMPROVEMENT LINE OVER ON THAT ONE, I TELL
16 YOU. SO THAT'S GOOD. ITEM NO. 2-D MERLOT CONSTRUCTION OUT OF
17 PASADENA. THEY'LL BE BUILDING WITH INTEGRITY. THEY'LL BE DOING
18 SO IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S DISTRICT ON THE ARTESIA LIBRARY,
19 WHICH IS ONE MILE FROM THE CERRITOS LIBRARY, SO AT LEAST IT'S
20 A BIG PROJECT, I GUESS. ITEM NO. 6, AND I BELIEVE IT CONNECTS
21 WITH THE MASTER AGREEMENTS ITEM 20, HAS TO DO WITH I.B.M., THE
22 GROUP THAT LOBBIES FROM ENGLANDER KNABE AND ALLEN. ONE ITEM
23 SEEMS TO BE SAYING, LET'S EASE OFF THAT EVERYTHING GO THROUGH
24 THEM, AND THE OTHER SEEMS TO HAVE THEM RIGHT BACK ON THE LIST.
25 IT'S A NICE WAY TO FAKE OUT THE PRODUCT. THE MASTER AGREEMENT

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1 PROGRAM, AS WICKHAM WILL PROVIDE, IS A DEEP PROBLEM BECAUSE
2 WHAT IT DOES IS IT PUTS A LIST OF THINGS THAT HAPPEN OUT OF
3 PUBLIC VIEW AND THEN WHEN YOU ASK FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AS I DID
4 ON THE BEACHES AND HARBORS MASTER AGREEMENT ITEMS, IT STILL
5 HAS NOT COME FORWARD WHICH IS DEEPLY WORRISOME TO A GUY LIKE
6 ME. ITEM NO. 19 IS, THE SHERIFF FINALLY GETTING BACK TO THE
7 TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT PIECE. THE TRAINING PIECE, EYES
8 NARROWING HERE, I AM QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT BECAUSE AS I HAVE
9 RAISED, THE IDEA OF SPARKING A TASER TO GAIN COMPLIANCE, I'VE
10 LOOKED WITH A BUNCH OF LAW ENFORCEMENT GUYS EXCEPT FOR ONE
11 THAT IS WILLING TO STEP UP AND DEFEND IT, A GUY NAMED DAN
12 DARREN, I'LL TALK TO HIM ABOUT IT-- NOBODY ELSE AGREES THAT
13 IT'S A GOOD AREA. SO WE NEED TO CHANGE THE USE OF FORCE
14 MANUAL. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE PUBLIC AND THE SUPERVISORS
15 WILL ASK THE SHERIFF TO DO AND THEN HE WILL COMPLY BECAUSE WE
16 DO NOT WANT CRAZY THINGS IN THERE. ITEM 24, SUPERVISOR KNABE,
17 JOB ORDER CONTRACTING. THANK YOU FOR NEGOTIATING DOWN FROM
18 1.95 PERCENT TO 1.56 PERCENT. THIS IS A GREAT SAVINGS FOR THE
19 COUNTY. SEND THEM BACK TO SOUTH CAROLINA. LET'S DO YOUR OWN
20 JOB ORDER CONTRACT RIGHT HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
21 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, I THINK YOU KNOW THE FOLKS AT PUBLIC WORKS
22 AND THE C.E.O. CERTAINLY HAVE HAD SOME BUSINESS WITH. SHE CAN
23 HELP YOU SET THAT UP, OKAY? ITEM NO. 23 IS THE MARINA DEL REY,
24 YOU GOT A BIG OBJECTION FROM THE APPELLANTS ON PARCEL 44. THEY

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1 WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF THIS APPROVAL SO CONTINUE IT. AND ITEM
2 NO. 18--

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR, YOUR TIME HASS
5 EXPIRED.

6

7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEMS 2-D, 3-D, 1-H,
8 1-P, 1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 29, 30, 37,
9 38, 41, 44, 45, AND 46 ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

13

14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ALSO ON ITEM 47-C,
15 ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINS AND BOTH
16 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL VOTE NO. MOTION FAILS.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOTION FAILS. ITEM NO. 7, THIS IS
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ARE WE ON ITEM NO. 7, MADAME CHAIR? HE
22 SEEKS TO HOLD IT. MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION IN DEFERENCE TO
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S WISHES TO HOLD IT?

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ITEM NO. 7, MADAME CHAIR?

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, ITEM 7.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS MOTION ASKS THE
7 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE LOS
8 ANGELES MARATHON AND THE OLYMPIC MARATHON TRIALS FOR TEAM
9 U.S.A. AND ENCOURAGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE AS
10 VOLUNTEERS AND AS SPECTATORS. AS THE BOARD FOCUSES TODAY ON
11 THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
12 THAT WE RECOGNIZE MR. LANDEROS, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY.
13 HE WORKS AS A STAFF ASSISTANT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
14 HEALTH. IN ADDITION TO HIS FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH D.M.H.,
15 HE HAS VOLUNTEERED OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS IN A VERY, VERY
16 UNIQUE CAPACITY, WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS POPULATION ON SKID
17 ROW. THREE TIMES A WEEK, FROM 5 A.M-- I DID SAY 5 A.M-- HE
18 WORKS OUT WITH AND TRAINS HOMELESS AND TRANSITIONING ADULTS
19 LIVING IN THE MISSION'S COACHING AND PREPARING THEM TO
20 PARTICIPATE IN THE LOS ANGELES MARATHON. AND AS MANY OF US ARE
21 AWARE, RUNNING A MARATHON IS MORE THAN JUST THE MATTER OF
22 RUNNING. IT INVOLVES SETTING GOALS. STAYING HEALTHY. AND
23 KEEPING A REGIMEN, ALL OF WHICH REQUIRES ENORMOUS DISCIPLINE
24 AND SACRIFICE. AND SO MR. LANDEROS, WE GIVE YOU A SHOUT OUT
25 BECAUSE HE'LL BE RUNNING TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION BACK AND

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1 MY FEET, WHICH HELPS THE HOMELESS POPULATION THROUGH RUNNING.
2 THE COUNTY CHANNEL PROFILED MR. LANDEROS RECENTLY, AND WE HAVE
3 A BRIEF CLIP TEED UP FOR YOU TO SEE WHAT EXTRAORDINARY WORK
4 OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE ENGAGED IN AND HOW WE ARE CONNECTING
5 THE DOTS FROM THE MARATHON TO THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. AND
6 SO IF YOU'D BE KIND ENOUGH TO SHARE THIS WITH US, PLEASE TAKE
7 A LOOK.

8

9 **[VIDEO] FERNANDO LANDEROS:** --KEEP YOUR HEART RATE ELEVATED.

10

11 **REPORTER:** THREE TIMES A WEEK FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS FERNANDO
12 LANDEROS MEETS WITH A SMALL GROUP AT 5:30 IN THE MORNING TO
13 WORK OUT AND PRACTICE TIMED RUNS.

14

15 **FERNANDO LANDEROS:** JUST A WALK. WHEN YOU GET TO THAT SIDE
16 RIGHT THERE, WHEN YOU GET TO THAT SIDE, SPRINT.

17

18 **REPORTER:** IT'S NOT WHY THEY MEET BUT IT'S WHERE THAT MAKE
19 THESE WORKOUTS UNIQUE.

20

21 **FERNANDO LANDEROS:** WHO ARE WE?

22

23 **SPEAKERS:** BACK ON MY FEET.

24

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1 **REPORTER:** THEY MEET IN SKID ROW. LANDEROS, WHO WORKS AS A
2 STAFF ASSISTANT FOR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, IS
3 A VOLUNTEER FOR AN ORGANIZATION CALLED BACK ON MY FEET, THAT
4 HELPS THE HOMELESS THROUGH RUNNING.

5

6 **FERNANDO LANDEROS:** THE PROGRAM IS GEARED TO HELP PEOPLE WHO
7 ARE IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS SUFFERING FROM ADDICTIONS,
8 HOMELESSNESS, ET CETERA AND KIND OF HELP THEM GET THEIR LIVES
9 BACK TOGETHER THROUGH RUNNING, THROUGH THE REGIMEN OF A
10 WORKOUT PROGRAM.

11

12 **REPORTER:** FRED ELLIOTT WHO LIVES IN THE DOWNTOWN'S RESCUE
13 MISSION HAS BEEN TRAINING WITH THE GROUP FOR THE LAST SIX
14 MONTHS.

15

16 **FRED ELLIOTT:** IT'S A BLESSING FOR ME. I WISH I WOULD HAVE
17 FOUND IT EARLIER. BUT IT'S ALWAYS A NEW START IN MY LIFE AND
18 MY JOURNEY. SO I DON'T HOPE FOR THE BEST, I JUST DO MY BEST AT
19 IT.

20

21 **REPORTER:** LANDEROS, WHO STARTED HIS COUNTY CAREER WORKING AT A
22 CLINIC ON SKID ROW, FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE TRANSFORMATIVE
23 NATURE OF RUNNING. HE HIMSELF WAS ONCE OVERWEIGHT AND HAD
24 FALLEN ON ADDICTIONS TO COPE WITH PERSONAL TRAUMA.

25

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1 **FERNANDO LANDEROS:** FOOD ADDICTIONS, ALCOHOL ADDICTIONS,
2 SMOKING NONSTOP. I MEAN JUST LIKE A PACK A DAY. I HAD CASES IN
3 MY TRUNK. I JUST COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT. ONE DAY, I HAD
4 ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THAT JUST WASN'T THE LIFE FOR ME ANYMORE. I
5 DECIDED TO MAKE A CHANGE IN MY LIFE. AND I DID THAT BY MYSELF,
6 NOT KNOWING THAT IT WOULD TURN INTO CATAPULT ME INTO WHERE I
7 AM NOW. TRYING TO MOTIVATE OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND INSPIRE
8 INDIVIDUALS TO DO THE SAME THING.

9

10 **REPORTER:** LANDEROS LOST 120 POUNDS THROUGH EXERCISE. HE
11 STARTED RUNNING MARATHONS AND HAS KEPT RUNNING EVER SINCE.
12 THIS YEAR, LANDEROS IS RUNNING IN THE LOS ANGELES MARATHON TO
13 RAISE MONEY FOR BACK ON MY FEET. AND HE WON'T BE RUNNING
14 ALONE. SOME OF THE GROUP PARTICIPANTS WILL BE THERE RIGHT
15 ALONG WITH HIM.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I RAN MY FIRST 10-K. AND IT'S A BLESSING, YOU KNOW.

18

19 **REPORTER:** ARE YOU GOING TO RUN THE MARATHON?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YES, I'M GOING TO.

22

23 **REPORTER:** HOW DO YOU FEEL THIS HAS CHANGED YOU OR HELPED YOU
24 IN IN ANY WAY?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** JUST BEING POSITIVE. EXERCISING, I DIDN'T REALLY LIKE
2 RUNNING BEFORE AND STUFF. SO JUST TO TAKE ON SOME NEW THINGS.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HOPEFULLY THIS IS OUR WAY OF EXPLAINING TO THE
5 COMMUNITY AND OBVIOUSLY TO THE RESIDENTS THAT PARTICIPATE ON
6 BACK ON MY FEET, WE CARE AND WE'RE HERE TO WALK WITH YOU
7 THROUGH THIS JOURNEY OF LIFE.

8

9 **REPORTER:** ONE STEP AT A TIME. ONE MILE AT A TIME. ONE PERSON
10 AT A TIME. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WHY DON'T WE GIVE A
13 BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO FERNANDO LANDEROS. BIG ROUND OF
14 APPLAUSE. BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND WE ALSO SEIZE
15 THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE DR. ROBIN KAY WITH THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF MENTAL HEALTH. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, AS WELL. THAT
17 MENTAL HEALTH IS DOING THE JOB THAT THEY NEED TO DO. AND SO
18 I'M GOING TO ASK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD JUST TO JOIN ME
19 AND SAY TO THEM, MS. KUEHL, MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISOR KNABE,
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE FERNANDO FOR
21 WHAT HE'S DOING AND MAKING THE CONNECTIONS THAT NEED TO BE
22 MADE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? I'M GOING TO CALL YOU ONE MORE
23 TIME. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU ARE BEING DISTRACTED RIGHT
24 NOW. WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE A MARATHON RUNNER. [LAUGHTER.] GIVE
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. HE'S A MARATHON

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1 RUNNER. (APPLAUSE). SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS ON
2 BEHALF OF ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO
3 SAY THAT WE ARE OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE
4 MARATHON. AND THERE ARE MARATHON RUNNERS RIGHT HERE IN THE
5 ROOM, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS OUR C.E.O. MISS HAMAI, COME
6 FORWARD. YOU SHOULD BE UP HERE WITH US. MAYOR, COME ON UP HERE
7 RIGHT NOW. YOU'RE A MARATHON RUNNER. HOW MANY MARATHONS HAVE
8 YOU RUN? SHE SAID SHE'S RUN A FEW. THAT WOULD BE 10 OR MORE, I
9 THINK. SO, SUPERVISOR KNABE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT HE'S ONE OF
10 THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO INITIATED THE L.A. MARATHON. GIVE
11 SUPERVISOR KNABE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. YEAH. [APPLAUSE.] SO
12 THIS IS IN RECOGNITION OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY AND FOR
13 CIVIC PRIDE DEMONSTRATED BY NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE
14 BENEFIT OF ALL OF THE CITIZENRY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND,
15 FERNANDO, WE PRESENT THIS TO YOU WITH PRIDE, WITH A SENSE OF
16 PURPOSE. AND YOU MAKE THE CONNECTION. NOT ONLY AS A MARATHON
17 RUNNER. YOU'RE IN THE RACE TO ERADICATE HOMELESSNESS. AND TO
18 THAT EXTENT, TO GIVE THOSE PERSONS PRIDE AND PURPOSE, WE
19 CELEBRATE YOU THIS MORNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **FERNANDO LANDEROS:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS NOTICED, BUT IN
22 THE VIDEO MONTAGE, WE ASK AT OUR MORNING BREAK "WHO ARE WE?"
23 "BACK ON MY FEET." AND RIGHT AFTER THAT, YOU DIDN'T CATCH THE
24 SECOND PART OF IT IS, "HOW LONG WE'RE GOING TO RUN?"
25 "FOREVER!" AND WHEN I FIRST STARTED RUNNING MARATHONS, IT

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1 CHANGED MY LIFE. IT MADE ME REALIZE THAT WHAT I'M DOING IN MY
2 LIFE RIGHT NOW IS NOT SOMETHING THAT I'M GOING TO QUIT AT.
3 LIKE A MARATHON, YOU DON'T QUIT, RIGHT? YOU'RE ON MILE 21, 22,
4 YOUR KNEES START TO HURT, YOU JUST KEEP GOING. SO WHAT WE'RE
5 UP AGAINST IN L.A. WITH THE HOMELESS DILEMMA, IT'S NOT GOING
6 TO END. AND WE HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING EVERY DAY. SO I MYSELF
7 WITH THE WORK THAT I DO WITH BACK ON MY FEET, I SEE MYSELF AS
8 A WARRIOR FOR THAT. AND I'LL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THE REST OF
9 MY LIFE UNTIL I MAKE AN IMPACT SOMEHOW. AND WE DO IT ONE STEP
10 AT A TIME, ONE PERSON AT A TIME. I REALLY DO HOPE THAT THIS
11 WILL SNOWBALL AND GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED NOT ONLY IN HELPING
12 ERADICATE HOMELESSNESS BUT IN PHYSICAL FITNESS, WHICH I PRIDE
13 MYSELF AS A LEADING MOTIVATOR FOR EVERYBODY TO JUST GET OUT
14 THERE AND START MOVING OUT YOUR BIG MUSCLES BECAUSE
15 CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. IT'S THE NUMBER 1
16 KILLER IN THE UNITED STATES FOR SO MANY REASONS. I'M NOT GOING
17 TO GET INTO THAT BECAUSE WE COULD BE THERE ALL DAY. BUT, YEAH,
18 GET UP AND MOVE EVERY DAY. STAY CONSISTENT. IT'S A LONG
19 MARATHON. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** AND I JUST WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE OF THE WORK
23 THAT FERNANDO IS DOING AND THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS
24 CHOSEN TO RECOGNIZE HIM AT TODAY'S BOARD MEETING. FERNANDO
25 REPRESENTS THE 5,000 D.M.H. EMPLOYEES WHO BOTH THROUGH THEIR

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1 WORK AND THEIR PERSONAL LIVES PROMOTE THE VALUES OF HOPE,
2 WELLNESS AND RECOVERY. AND I'M JUST SO GRATEFUL THAT HE'S
3 RECOGNIZED TODAY, SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND TO THE ENTIRE
4 BOARD. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.
9 ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC PREVEN.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I WILL MAKE THIS VERY,
12 VERY BRIEF. I AM VERY PLEASED TO JOIN YOU IN CONGRATULATING
13 THIS GROUP OF LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS. MANY PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW
14 BUT SHOULD KNOW THAT-- I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANTONOVICH REALLY
15 DOING A MARATHON, BUT CERTAINLY SACHI HAMAI IS AN OUTSTANDING
16 RUNNER. THIS WOMAN REALLY COVERS SOME TERRITORY. AND THERE ARE
17 SOME REALLY GOOD RUNNERS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
18 INCLUDING PHILIP BROWNING WHO I SORT OF TRY AND PROVOKE SOME
19 COMPETITION, I SAID, "SIR, COULD YOU TAKE SACHI HAMAI?" HE HAD
20 TO CONFESS, SIR, THAT HE COULD NOT. HE COULD NOT BEAT SACHI
21 HAMAI IN A MARATHON, WHICH I THINK IS IMPRESSIVE, BECAUSE
22 TRADITIONALLY THE MEN GO A LITTLE FASTER THAN THE WOMEN BUT
23 NOT IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM VERY PLEASED TO SAY THAT. NOW IN ONE
24 LITTLE POINT OF, NOT CONTENTION BECAUSE THAT'S NOT MY STYLE,
25 BUT THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL PARKING PIECE, SIR, IT SEEMS

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1 THAT SOMEBODY HAS FOUND A WAY TO MAKE THE PARKING AVAILABLE
2 FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WHICH LET ME BE THE FIRST ONE TO SAY:
3 THANK YOU. THAT IS AN OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT. BUT I WAS
4 WONDERING ABOUT THE M.R.T. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PARKING SUBSIDY TO
5 PROVIDE FOR REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO PARTICIPATE IN
6 THE LOCAL MEETINGS TO ALSO BE COMPED BY THE BIG GUYS. THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
10 ALTHOUGH THE PRESENTATION WAS WONDERFUL, IT ADDRESSED THE
11 HOMELESS RUNNING, THE ITEM ITSELF ALSO CONTAINS THIS ITEM
12 REGARDING THE OLYMPICS AND THE TIME TRIALS FOR THE OLYMPICS.
13 AND SO I'M WONDERING AS THE CITY MOVES CLOSER TO THE 2024
14 OLYMPIC BID, THIS IS FROM 8/27/15 MOVING FORWARD, THIS IS FROM
15 9/21/15, ADVOCATES QUESTIONING THE \$100 MILLION PLAN FOR THE
16 HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE MAYOR SPAGHETTI MENTIONED THAT THE
17 OLYMPICS ARE GOING TO COST ABOUT \$6 BILLION. SO I'M WONDERING:
18 ARE YOU ENDORSING THE OLYMPICS THERE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS? AND THE FACT THAT THE CITY IS GOING TO PUT UP \$6
20 BILLION TO RUN THE OLYMPICS. DON'T GET ANY RESPONSE ON THAT. I
21 THINK YOU OUGHT TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE THERE AND SAY WHAT YOU
22 THINK ABOUT THE OLYMPICS. SHOULDN'T ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS? I
23 MEAN IT'S NOT JUST THE CITY, IT'S THE COUNTY. THE ITEM
24 MENTIONS OLYMPIC TIME TRIALS FOR THE MARATHON.

25

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1 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. WE'RE TALKING
2 ABOUT ITEM NO. 7 RIGHT NOW, THAT TALKS ABOUT THE MARATHON,
3 SIR.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM NO. 7, IT'S RELATED.

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IT'S RELATED TO THE MARATHON, SIR.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S RELATED TO THE MARATHON AND THE OLYMPIC
10 TIME TRIALS. READ THE AGENDA.

11

12 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** -- NOT WHETHER THE OLYMPICS COME TO LOS
13 ANGELES.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, THE OLYMPIC TIME TRIALS, I'M JUST ASKING.
16 I'M EXPANDING THE RELATIONSHIP. SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION.

17

18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THAT'S THE PROBLEM, SIR. YOU'RE OFF
19 TOPIC.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** EVERYBODY COMES UP HERE AND TALKS ABOUT WHAT
22 THEY WANT TO TALK. SOMEBODY CAME UP HERE AND TALKED ABOUT ITEM
23 NO. 2--

24

25 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT WAS CONTINUED. YEAH, I KNOW. I'M ACTING LIKE-
3 - EXCUSE ME.

4

5 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M HAVING A CONVERSATION. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
8 IS RUNNING AGAIN HIS MARATHON.

9

10 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YOUR CONDUCT IS DISRUPTIVE. WE'RE GOING
11 TO TURN IT OFF.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT IS OFF TOPIC. IT IS CRAP. STILL HAVEN'T
14 GOTTEN AN ANSWER BACK.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS
17 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED WITHOUT
18 OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO NOW
19 MOVE ON TO, AS YOU KNOW, SPECIAL SESSION HERE. THIS IS WHERE
20 WE WILL BRING UP POLICY ITEM P-1 AS WELL AS ITEM 8, 9 AND 47-
21 A, WHICH ARE ALL RELATED. FIRST WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SPECIAL
22 PRESENTATION FROM OUR C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, WHO WILL BEGIN THE
23 PRESENTATION. AND THEN WE'LL VIEW A VIDEO. THIS FIRST PANEL
24 WILL ALSO INCLUDE PHIL ANSELL, PETER LYNN, ELISE BUIK, GARY

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1 TOEBBEN, VERONICA LEWIS, VA LECIA ADAMS. AND IF WE CAN BEGIN
2 WITH SACHI HAMAI. THANK YOU.

3

4 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR,
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I THINK EVERYBODY'S ON THEIR WAY UP TO
6 THE PODIUM RIGHT NOW. NEARLY SIX MONTHS AGO WE LAUNCHED THE
7 HOMELESS INITIATIVE, DETERMINED TO BRING MEANINGFUL CHANGE TO
8 THE MOST SERIOUS HUMANITARIAN CRISIS CONFRONTING OUR COUNTY
9 TODAY. AS WE BEGIN OUR PRESENTATION ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE
10 INITIATIVE, I'D FIRST LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A VIDEO PRODUCE
11 BIDE THE C.E.O.'S COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE WHICH SETS THE STAGE
12 FOR THE CRITICAL STAKES INVOLVED IN TODAY'S DISCUSSION.

13

14 **[VIDEO] SPEAKER:** I DON'T KNOW. I MEAN IT JUST SEEMS SO LONG
15 AGO. BUT I REMEMBER BEING IN THE SPOT AND JUST FREEZING. EVEN
16 WITH TWO SETS OF CLOTHES ON AND WITH A LITTLE BIT OF BLANKETS
17 THAT WE HAD. AND IT'S A PLACE I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO GO TO
18 AGAIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I HATED MYSELF. I JUST HATED ME. I HATED SKID ROW. I
21 WANTED MY FAMILY BACK. I DIDN'T WANT TO LIVE LIKE THIS
22 ANYMORE. I DIDN'T WANT TO SHAME THEM. I DIDN'T WANT TO SHAME
23 MYSELF. I DIDN'T WANT TO SHAME GOD.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** MY FATHER USED TO TELL ME YEARS AGO, HE USED TO SAY,
2 "DAVID, GET TO KNOW DAVID." AND I THINK BEING HOMELESS HELPED
3 ME DO THAT.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** YOU KNOW LOOKING AROUND, THE FEELING HERE, IT REMINDS
6 ME OF JUST KIND OF LIKE HURT, PAIN. I DON'T KNOW. I JUST THANK
7 GOD WE'RE NOT HERE ANYMORE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT HERE ON THIS BENCH, HAVING A BIG OLD BAG OF
10 PEANUTS, COUPLE OF BEERS, SIT BACK, WATCH THE TRAINS GO BY. I
11 USED TO LIVE IN BALDWIN HILLS, IN VIEW PARK EVEN THOUGH I USED
12 TO DRIVE A B.M.W. A NICE HOME, NICE CARS AND EVERYTHING. AND
13 WHAT NEVER THOUGHT IN A MILLION YEARS THAT I WOULD BE
14 HOMELESS. A LOT OF FOLKS EVEN STILL TODAY DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL
15 I'VE BEEN THROUGH BECAUSE I'M A GUY THAT USUALLY GOES AROUND
16 SMILING, SOMETHING NICE TO SAY, AND WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE. WHAT
17 FEW CLOTHES I DID HAVE, I MADE SURE THEY STAYED CLEAN. AND,
18 YOU KNOW, WALKED AROUND AS IF I HAD A MANSION. THIS IS LAVERT.
19 THIS IS CONRAD. LAVERT I LOST BACK IN 2013. MY SON WAS
20 MURDERED. MY OLDEST SON. AND WHEN HE WAS MURDERED, THAT WAS MY
21 LAST DAY OF WORKING. I KIND OF WENT THROUGH A SERIOUS
22 DEPRESSION THEN TRYING TO KEEP EVERYTHING TOGETHER. AND IT
23 SEEMS LIKE EVERYBODY KIND OF DISAPPEARED. IT WAS REALLY HARD
24 TO EVEN REACH OUT AND LET FOLKS KNOW LIKE, WHOA, I'VE HIT ROCK
25 BOTTOM. I FIRST GOT A BED TO SLEEP IN. PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE

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1 THAT'S JUST AWESOME, TO SLEEP IN A BED. YOU GO A WHILE WITHOUT
2 A BED, THAT'S A BIG DEAL WITH CLEAN SHEETS AND A NICE
3 MATTRESS. THIS WAS A HUGE DEAL. AND SOMETIMES IT JUST TAKES A
4 LITTLE BIT OF HELP, YOU KNOW. SOME PEOPLE I THINK WILL BE
5 HELPED JUST TO HAVE THE RIGHT PERSON TO TALK TO.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** WE LIKE THIS SPOT BECAUSE WE GO OVER TO THE SALVATION
8 ARMY. THEY HAD CLOTHES THERE AND WE WOULD LAY DOWN THE CLOTHES
9 AND WE FOUND A PIECE OF CARDBOARD AND WE LAID DOWN A PIECE OF
10 CARDBOARD AND IT WAS LIKE A MATTRESS. BUT IT WAS COLD. I
11 STARTED WORKING WHEN I WAS 14 YEARS OLD AND I PUT MYSELF
12 THROUGH COLLEGE AND I PUT MYSELF THROUGH LAW SCHOOL AND I
13 WORKED THE WHOLE TIME THAT I WAS IN LAW SCHOOL. AND I JUST
14 DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW SOMEBODY COULD STAND ON A STREET CORNER
15 AND NOT BE WORKING. YOU KNOW, MY ATTITUDE BEFORE I BECAME
16 HOMELESS WAS, HOW COULD YOU BE HOMELESS? AND MY ATTITUDE AFTER
17 I BECAME HOMELESS WAS, NOW I UNDERSTAND AND I GET IT. IT JUST
18 DOESN'T OCCUR TO YOU THAT YOU'RE HOMELESS AND YOU CAN DO
19 SOMETHING ABOUT IT. YOU GET KIND OF CAUGHT UP IN THE FACT THAT
20 THIS IS MY LIFE, THIS IS WHERE I'VE ENDED UP. IT'S NEVER GOING
21 TO GET ANY BETTER. BUT IN NOVEMBER OF 2005, I GOT INTO TARZANA
22 TREATMENT CENTER AND I GOT CLEAN AND SOBER FOR GOOD, AT LEAST
23 UP THROUGH NOW. SO I HAVE 10 YEARS CLEAN AND SOBER NOW AND I
24 HAVE A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE IN SANTA CLARITA. I'M BLESSED. I HAVE A
25 JOB AGAIN. I HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH MY DAUGHTER, WHICH IS

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1 VERY IMPORTANT TO ME, AND LIFE IS GOOD. AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE I
2 HAD THE CHANCE TO GET OFF THE STREETS. I'M A FIRM BELIEVE IN
3 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I BELIEVE THAT THE KEY TO HOMELESSNESS, IN
4 SOLVING HOMELESSNESS, IS TO PROVIDE PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** OH, OH, WHERE'D YOU GO. OH!

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YOU KNOW, WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, IT WAS SUCH A
9 DIFFERENT WORLD FOR ME FROM WHAT I GREW UP IN. GOING OUT HERE
10 AND LIVING THE THUG LIFE WAS LIKE LIVING A MOVIE BECAUSE I
11 ALWAYS WANTED TO BE AN ACTRESS.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE WERE LIVING IN BELMONT SHORES BY THE OCEAN IN A
14 FIVE-BEDROOM HOME, MANSION ON THE BEACH, DRIVING A JAGUAR,
15 JUST LIVING THE GOOD OLD LIFE. I STARTED DOING THE COCAINE
16 RECREATIONALLY. AND THEN SOMEBODY INTRODUCED ME TO CRACK
17 COCAINE AND THAT'S WHERE MY DOWNFALL STARTED. I HAD TO SUPPORT
18 MY HABIT. SO I STARTED HANGING OUT WITH DOPE DEALERS AND
19 PROSTITUTING. AND THAT'S HOW I GOT MY DRUGS. SO I KIND OF FIT
20 IN. EVERYBODY JUST REALLY LIKED ME THERE, AND JUST CALLED ME
21 SKID ROW BARBIE, AND THEN GHETTO BARBIE. HI, O.G., HOW ARE
22 YOU? THAT MAN'S BEEN STANDING ON THAT CRATE FOR, I DON'T KNOW,
23 15 YEARS? A LOT OF US DON'T WANT TO BE HERE. WE DON'T WANT TO
24 REPEAT THIS SAME THING. WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING SOBER.
25 WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING SOBER. BUT IT'S LIKE DROWNING. IF

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1 SOMEONE HADN'T THROWN ME A LIFE RAFT, I DON'T KNOW WHERE I
2 WOULD BE. MY LIFE, THE QUALITY OF LIFE TODAY IS BETTER THAN
3 IT'S EVER BEEN BECAUSE I'VE TAKEN THIS TRAGEDY AND GOD'S
4 TURNED IT INTO A TRIUMPH. I'M ABLE TO HELP OTHERS. I'M ABLE TO
5 UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT ADDICTION. SO I WANT TO
6 HELP PEOPLE TO HAVE THAT CHANCE, TOO, IF THEY WANT IT BECAUSE
7 IT'S POSSIBLE. LOOK AT ME. IT HAPPENED TO ME. THIS HAPPENED TO
8 ME. I WAS ONE OF THESE PEOPLE THAT YOU SEE WALKING DOWN THE
9 STREET. AND THAT WAS THE BEST FEELING IN MY LIFE, WAS HAVING
10 MY OWN HOUSE. LOCKING MY OWN DOOR. GETTING JUNK MAIL WAS SO
11 COOL. YOU KNOW HOW EVERYBODY HATES JUNK MAIL? I LOVED IT.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE WOULD PARK IN THE PARKING LOT AND THEN IN THE
14 MORNING THE KIDS WOULD GO TO SCHOOL AND THEN I'D GO TO WORK,
15 THEN BACK TO THE PARKING LOT. FROM THE PARKING LOT BACK TO THE
16 SCHOOL, FROM THE PARKING LOT, BACK AND FORTH, BACK AND FORTH.
17 THE KIDS COULDN'T EVEN FOCUS ON THEIR WORK. THEY COULDN'T EVEN
18 DO ANYTHING BECAUSE THEY WERE CONSTANTLY EXHAUSTED.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** IT MAKES ME FEEL REALLY SAD, LONELY. AND I WILL NEVER
21 FORGET THE TIMES THAT-- (CRYING) SHE WOULD CRY AND SAY, "WHEN
22 ARE WE GOING TO GET OUR HOUSE?" SHE WAS HUNGRY, AND I'D BE
23 ABLE TO FEED HER-- FEED NONE OF THEM. THEY'D BE REALLY, REALLY
24 HOT. THEY'D BE REALLY THIRSTY. THAT WAS NO WAY TO LIVE, YOU
25 KNOW? AND IT MADE ME FEEL EVEN WORSE BECAUSE IT'S LIKE THERE

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1 WAS NOTHING POSSIBLE THAT I COULD DO TO GET US OUT OF THIS
2 SITUATION. AND TO THEM TO KNOW, TO THINK THAT LIVING LIKE THIS
3 IS OKAY, AND IT WASN'T.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** FOR THE KIDS, YES, IT'S HARD TO SEE. IT'S HARD TO SEE
6 THAT. AND IT'S HARD TO SEE THAT THEY STRUGGLE ON CERTAIN
7 THINGS. AND YOU SAY, OKAY, THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO. THIS
8 IS WHAT THEY NEED. OR HOPEFULLY THIS IS WHAT THEY NEED. AND
9 JUST TRY TO GUIDE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I USED TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE WHEN I USED TO TELL
12 MY MOM THAT I'M HUNGRY AND WHEN THEY DIDN'T HAVE NO MONEY. AND
13 I ALWAYS FELT SAD. WHEN I JUST TOLD THEM THAT. (CRYING). I
14 DIDN'T LIKE IT WHEN WE WERE LIVING IN THE CAR.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE OUR UPS AND DOWNS, YOU KNOW, BUT IT'S GOOD
17 NOW. AND THANK GOD THAT WE'RE HERE ALIVE TODAY WITH OUR KIDS.
18 WE DIDN'T GET THEM TAKEN AWAY. AND WE'RE CLEAN AND SOBER. WE
19 HAVE OUR BEAUTIFUL HOME. YOU KNOW OUR CASE MANAGER THAT BACKS
20 US UP.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. PEOPLE THAT CARE ABOUT US THAT WANT TO BE IN
23 OUR LIVES. AND THAT FEELS SO GOOD.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE THERE FOR EVERY STEP,
3 OBVIOUSLY, RIGHT, BECAUSE THEY GOT TO FIGURE OUT SOME STUFF ON
4 THEIR OWN. BUT YOU JUST DON'T PUT SOMEONE IN A HOUSE AND WALK
5 AWAY, THAT'S NOT THE POINT. YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THEM ALL THE
6 WAY THROUGH.

7

8 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] THAT WAS INSPIRING.
9 THE VIDEO CERTAINLY PUTS INTO PERSPECTIVE WHAT WE KNOW TO BE
10 TRUE. WITH HELP, LIVES CAN BE TRANSFORMED. HOMELESSNESS NOT
11 ONLY ERODES THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS; IT PROFOUNDLY AFFECTS
12 THE WELL-BEING OF ENTIRE COMMUNITIES. IT PLACES HEAVY BURDENS
13 ON OUR HEALTHCARE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS, UNDERMINING
14 SERVICE DELIVERY ACROSS OUR GOVERNMENT. AND THE PROBLEM ONLY
15 SEEMS TO BE GETTING WORSE. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, MEN,
16 CHILDREN, WOMEN, VETERANS, THE DISABLED AND MENTALLY ILL ARE
17 STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE WITH NO PLACE TO CALL HOME. THIS IS
18 UNACCEPTABLE. TODAY WE WILL BE PRESENTING A PLAN THAT
19 REPRESENTS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED EFFORT EVER
20 UNDERTAKEN BY THE COUNTY TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. THIS PLAN IS
21 AMBITIOUS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY ACHIEVABLE. THE 47 RECOMMENDED
22 STRATEGIES ARE DESIGNED TO LIFT THOSE NOW LIVING ON THE STREET
23 WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKING THE ROOT CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS
24 TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM FALLING INTO SIMILAR DESPAIR. THESE
25 RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES REPRESENT THE BEST THINKING OF THE

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1 FRONTLINE STAKEHOLDERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. THE STRATEGIES
2 WERE DEVELOPED AFTER 18 POLICY SUMMITS THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER
3 25 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, 30 CITIES AND MORE THAN 100 COMMUNITY
4 ORGANIZATIONS THE COUNTY HAS PROACTIVELY COMMITTED MORE THAN
5 \$100 MILLION TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW STRATEGIES CAN BEGIN
6 IMPLEMENTATION NOW. THIS IS A PLAN OF ACTION, NOT TALK. THE
7 PLAN IS PRIORITIZED TO QUICKLY HELP THOSE MOST IN NEED. WE
8 PLAN TO FIRST IMPLEMENT 12 HIGH IMPACT STRATEGIES WITH A
9 TARGET OF HOUSING 3500 CURRENTLY HOMELESS PEOPLE AND
10 PREVENTING 2,000 OTHERS FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. OUR
11 PLAN DRAWS ON DIFFICULT LESSONS FROM THE PAST. IT PROPOSES FOR
12 THE FIRST TIME A STRUCTURE THAT PROMISES SUSTAINED, STRUCTURED
13 FOLLOW THROUGH AND ACCOUNTABILITY. AS C.E.O., I AM COMMITTED
14 TO ENSURING THAT OUR COUNTY AGENCIES WORK SEAMLESSLY TOGETHER
15 TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM AS THE CHALLENGE LIES BEFORE US. ON A
16 FINAL NOTE, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT GOVERNMENT DOES HAVE A
17 CRUCIAL ROLE IN THIS EFFORT. BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT THIS FIGHT
18 AGAINST HOMELESSNESS IS TOO BIG FOR ANY SINGLE ENTITY. REAL
19 CHANGE REQUIRES THE INTERVENTION OF OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY, ALL
20 88 CITIES, COMMUNITY GROUPS, NONPROFITS, PRIVATE AGENCIES AND
21 BUSINESSES. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE
22 LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, TURNING A
23 SEEMINGLY HOPELESS SITUATION INTO ONE OF HOPE. BEFORE I TURN
24 OUR PRESENTATION OVER TO PHIL ANSELL, DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS
25 INITIATIVE, I'D FIRST LIKE TO THANK PHIL AND HIS TEAM FOR

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1 THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, MY FELLOW
2 DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO ARE SITTING OUT HERE IN THIS FRONT ROW,
3 FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION IN THIS MATTER.
4 I'D ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE INDIVIDUALS SITTING WITH PHIL
5 WHO YOU'LL HEAR FROM SHORTLY, EACH OF WHOM REPRESENT A
6 CRITICAL PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN THE SUCCESS OF OUR
7 HOMELESS STRATEGIES. PETER LYNN WITH L.A.H.S.A., VERONICA
8 LEWIS AND VA LECIA ADAMS, THE CO-CHAIRS OF L.A.H.S.A.'S
9 COORDINATING COUNCIL OF HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS, ELISE BUIK
10 WITH THE UNITED WAY, GARY TOEBBEN WITH L.A. CHAMBER OF
11 COMMERCE. AND I FINALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE NUMEROUS MAYORS,
12 COUNCILMEMBERS AND CITY STAFF JOINING US HERE TODAY
13 REPRESENTING MANY OF OUR 88 CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
14 THEY'RE ALSO HERE IN THE FRONT ROW. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE
15 HAD THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE CITIES AND REGIONAL PARTNERS
16 WORKING TOGETHER TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. YOUR PRESENCE HERE
17 TODAY IS A TESTAMENT THAT THE CRISIS IS A REGIONAL ISSUE WHICH
18 WILL TAKE THE SUPPORT AND RESOLVE OF ALL OF US PARTNERING
19 TOGETHER. I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR PARTNERS WHO ARE HERE TODAY
20 ARE EQUALLY COMMITTED TO THIS EFFORT. I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU
21 TOOK YOUR TIME-- TOOK THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO
22 SHARE YOUR COMMENTS WITH US. SO THANK YOU. AT THIS POINT I'LL
23 TURN IT OVER TO PHIL TO WALK US THROUGH THE STRATEGY.
24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PHIL, BEFORE YOU START, COULD I HAVE
2 ALL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND AND BE
3 RECOGNIZED BECAUSE THIS INDEED IS A HISTORIC DAY. [APPLAUSE.]
4 THANK YOU, PHIL. THANK YOU.

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6 **PHIL ANSELL:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF
7 THE BOARD. I'M DELIGHTED TODAY TO SHARE WITH YOU THE RESULTS
8 OF AN INCLUSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE PLANNING PROCESS, WHICH
9 BROUGHT TOGETHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
10 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IN ADDITION TO THE 18
11 POLICY SUMMITS WHICH WE CONDUCTED ON 9 KEY TOPICS IN OCTOBER
12 AND NOVEMBER, WE ASK THE L.A.H.S.A. TO CONVENE FOCUS GROUPS OF
13 CURRENT AND FORMERLY HOMELESS ADULTS TO SECURE THEIR INPUT
14 REGARDING THIS PROBLEM AND THE AVAILABLE SOLUTIONS. ON JANUARY
15 7TH WE RELEASED A SET OF 47 DRAFT STRATEGIES FOR PUBLIC
16 COMMENT, CONDUCTED A STANDING ROOM ONLY MEETING OF 500
17 ATTENDEES OF THE UNITED WAY ON JANUARY 13TH AND RECEIVED
18 PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM OVER 200 ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS
19 WHICH ARE REFLECTED IN THE FINAL RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES TODAY.
20 THE STRATEGIES FALL INTO SIX KEY AREAS, EACH OF WHICH ARE
21 CRITICAL TO COMBATING HOMELESSNESS. FIRST WE NEED TO PREVENT
22 HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO HELP THOSE FAMILIES
23 AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY HOMELESS TO MOVE INTO
24 PERMANENT HOUSING, BUT WE MUST SLOW DOWN THE STEADY STREAM OF
25 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO BECOME HOMELESS. WE HAVE

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1 STRATEGIES TO SUBSIDIZE HOUSING BECAUSE THE VAST MAJORITY OF
2 CURRENTLY HOMELESS FAMILIES AND ADULTS DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT
3 INCOME TO COVER 100 PERCENT OF THE ONGOING COSTS OF PERMANENT
4 HOUSING. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE STRATEGIES TO INCREASE
5 INCOME BECAUSE MOST HOMELESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE THE
6 CAPACITY TO GAIN THE ABILITY TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN RENT IN THE
7 FUTURE IF THEY RECEIVE THAT HOUSING AND SERVICES THEY NEED
8 NOW. WE HAVE STRATEGIES TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT AND
9 SERVICES BECAUSE THOUGH RENT AND HOUSING ARE CRITICALLY
10 IMPORTANT, BY THEMSELVES THEY ARE NOT SUFFICIENT. MOST
11 HOMELESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE A CRITICAL NEED FOR
12 APPROPRIATE SERVICES AND CASE MANAGEMENT AS THEY MOVE INTO AND
13 SUSTAIN PERMANENT HOUSING. WE NEED TO CREATE A COORDINATED
14 SYSTEM BECAUSE TODAY WE HAVE A VAST, FRAGMENTED ARRAY OF
15 SERVICES PROVIDED BY MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS AND VARIOUS LEVELS
16 OF GOVERNMENT, WHICH WE SEEK TO WEAVE TOGETHER INTO A SYSTEM
17 WHICH IS CLIENT-CENTERED AND TRULY PROVIDES NO WRONG DOOR.
18 AND, FINALLY, WE HAVE STRATEGIES TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF
19 AFFORDABLE AND HOMELESS HOUSING, THE SHORTAGE OF WHICH IS KEY
20 TO THE CURRENT CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS. THE STRATEGIES ARE
21 ANIMATED BY FOUR KEY PRINCIPLES: COLLABORATION AMONG THE
22 COUNTY, CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
23 NOT ONLY IN THE PLANNING PROCESS BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY AS
24 TOMORROW WE COMMENCE IMPLEMENTATION. INVESTING IN PROVEN
25 STRATEGIES LIKE RAPID REHOUSING. LEVERAGING THE MAINSTREAM

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1 HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS WHICH
2 PROVIDE MOST OF THE SERVICES THAT HOMELESS FAMILIES AND
3 INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE AND CONSUME MOST OF THE PUBLIC DOLLARS FOR
4 THOSE SERVICES. AND, FINALLY, WE STRIVE TO CREATE A SEAMLESS
5 CLIENT-CENTERED SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM. WITHIN THE 47
6 STRATEGIES, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED 12 THAT HAVE THE GREATEST
7 POTENTIAL TO HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT IN THE SHORT AND MEDIUM
8 TERM. AND WE TARGET IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE STRATEGIES BY JUNE
9 30 OF 2016, THE END OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. MANY MUCH
10 THESE STRATEGIES INVOLVE HOUSING SUBSIDIES, SHORT-TERM AND
11 MEDIUM-TERM SUBSIDIES FUNDED BY THE COUNTY FOR DISABLED
12 ADULTS, RAPID REHOUSING FOR SINGLE ADULTS AND FAMILIES AND
13 BRIDGE HOUSING FOR THOSE THAT ARE IN INSTITUTIONS. WE HAVE
14 PHASE ONE STRATEGIES THAT FOCUS ON MAKING THE MOST OF
15 AVAILABLE FEDERAL HOUSING SUBSIDIES TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS.
16 BUT OUR PHASE ONE STRATEGIES ARE NOT LIMITED TO HOUSING. THEY
17 INCLUDE A FOCUS ON EMPLOYMENT THROUGH SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND
18 UTILIZING DOLLARS WHICH THE COUNTY CURRENTLY SPENDS ON
19 CONTRACTS TO CREATE JOBS FOR CURRENT AND RECENTLY HOMELESS
20 ADULTS, TO REACH OUT TO HOMELESS INMATES IN JAIL, TO TRY TO
21 ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT HOMELESS WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED FROM
22 THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM, TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS IN CITIES
23 ACROSS THE COUNTY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF LOS ANGELES
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT FIRST RESPONDERS ARE
25 EFFECTIVE WHEN THEY ENGAGE HOMELESS ADULTS ON THE STREET AND

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1 IN ENCAMPMENTS, TO WEAVE TOGETHER OUR CURRENT FRAGMENTED
2 OUTREACH SYSTEM INTO A TRULY INTEGRATED AND EFFECTIVE COUNTY-
3 WIDE OUTREACH SYSTEM. AND, FINALLY, TO ENSURE THAT OUR SYSTEM
4 OF EMERGENCY SHELTER IS EFFECTIVELY INTEGRATED INTO THE
5 BROADER HOMELESS SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM FUNDAMENTALLY BY
6 ENSURING THAT THOSE SHELTERS ARE OPEN DURING THE DAYTIME WHERE
7 THEY CAN BE A PLATFORM FOR ACCESS TO HOUSING AND OTHER NEEDED
8 SERVICES. WITHIN THESE STRATEGIES, THERE ARE EXTRAORDINARY,
9 UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH CITIES. WE
10 INVITE CITIES TO JOIN US IN CONTRIBUTING TO FUNDING RAPID
11 REHOUSING FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES AND ADULTS WHO HAVE A VERY
12 GOOD CHANCE OF GAINING THE ABILITY TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN COST
13 OF HOUSING WITH SIX TO 12 MONTHS OF SUBSIDIZED HOUSING,
14 COUPLED WITH THE SERVICES THEY NEED TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT OR
15 FEDERAL DISABILITY BENEFITS. WE INVITE THE 19 CITIES IN THE
16 COUNTY WHO ADMINISTER THEIR OWN PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO
17 JOIN THE COUNTY IN DEDICATING A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THOSE
18 FEDERAL HOUSING SUBSIDIES THAT BECOME AVAILABLE EACH YEAR TO
19 PROVIDE PERMANENT HOUSING FOR CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ADULTS IN
20 NEED OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY
21 CONTROL AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 75 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL
22 HOUSING SUBSIDIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE SEEK TO WORK
23 TOGETHER WITH CITIES WHO EMPLOY THEIR OWN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
24 FIRST RESPONDERS TO ENSURE THAT WE, AS A COUNTY, COMBINED WITH
25 OUR CITIES, CAN EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE HOMELESS FAMILIES AND

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1 INDIVIDUALS ON THE STREETS AND IN ENCAMPMENTS. AND, FINALLY,
2 CITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LAND USE POLICY FOR 90 PERCENT OF
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND THEREFORE WE LOOK TO CITIES TO PARTNER
4 WITH US IN MAXIMIZING THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE AND
5 HOMELESS HOUSING THROUGH THE USE OF THAT LAND USE POLICY. WE
6 RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO CONVENE A
7 REGIONAL SUMMIT TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS, BRINGING TOGETHER ALL
8 88 CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY TO EXPLORE THESE AND OTHER
9 STRATEGIES. AND, FINALLY, FUNDING. THE C.E.O.'S RESEARCH,
10 OPERATION RELEASED A GROUNDBREAKING STUDY LAST WEEK, WHICH IS
11 ATTACHED TO TODAY'S BOARD LETTER, WHICH FOUND THAT IN THE LAST
12 FISCAL YEAR, SIX COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SPENT NEARLY \$1 BILLION ON
13 SERVICES FOR SINGLE HOMELESS ADULTS. THOSE ARE THE DEPARTMENTS
14 OF HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC
15 SOCIAL SERVICES, PROBATION AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
16 REMARKABLY, JUST 5 PERCENT OF THOSE HOMELESS SINGLE ADULTS
17 CONSUMED NEARLY 40 PERCENT OR ALMOST \$400 MILLION IN COUNTY
18 SERVICES AND RESOURCES LAST FISCAL YEAR. THAT 5 PERCENT, WHICH
19 IS UNDER 7,500 SINGLE ADULTS, CONSUMED OVER \$50,000 ON AVERAGE
20 IN COUNTY SERVICES LAST YEAR. IF WE CAN EFFECTIVELY TARGET
21 HOUSING AND SERVICES TO THAT 5 PERCENT, WE HAVE THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATE SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS TO REINVEST IN
23 COMBATING HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE A REAL BED IS MUCH LESS
24 EXPENSIVE THAN A JAIL BED OR A HOSPITAL BED. THE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE YOU INCLUDE THE UTILIZATION OF \$100

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1 MILLION IN NEW COUNTY FUNDING. \$56 MILLION ALREADY APPROVED BY
2 YOUR BOARD FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND \$44 MILLION IN
3 DEPARTMENTAL FUNDING LARGELY FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
4 BUT THIS SUSTAINED, ONGOING CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS CANNOT BE
5 SOLVED WITH ONE-TIME FUNDING ALONE. AND THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND
6 THAT YOUR BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO ENGAGE IN AN ONGOING
7 COLLABORATION WITH YOUR BOARD TO EXPLORE AND IDENTIFY
8 POTENTIAL SOURCES OF ONGOING REVENUES TO SUSTAIN THE
9 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES BEFORE YOU. I'D
10 LIKE TO CLOSE BY EMPHASIZING THE CENTRALITY OF COLLABORATION
11 WITHIN THE COUNTY, WITH OUR CITY PARTNERS AND WITH COMMUNITY
12 PARTNERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN BOTH GENERATING THE
13 STRATEGIES BEFORE YOU TODAY AND IN EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTING
14 THESE STRATEGIES AS WE TURN TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION TOMORROW.
15 THE STRATEGIES BEFORE YOU TODAY REFLECT THE COLLABORATION,
16 WHICH IS ABOUT OUR HEARTS, OUR THINKING, OUR EXPERIENCE, OUR
17 COMMITMENT AND OUR EXPERTISE, BUT IT ALSO REFLECTS THE
18 COLLABORATION OF OUR HEARTS, OF THE COMPASSION AND THE PASSION
19 THAT PERVADES LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND HAS BEEN SO EVIDENT IN
20 THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE STRATEGIES THAT WE BRING TO YOU
21 TODAY. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]
24 PETER LYNN?

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1 **PETER LYNN:** GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR
2 THEIR COMMITMENT TO DIRECTLY ENGAGING WITH THE CRISIS OF
3 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES AND THROUGH THEIR SUPPORT TO END
4 IT. THESE STRATEGIES ARE THE CULMINATION OF MONTHS OF
5 INTENSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE WORK. I WANT TO THANK C.E.O. SACHI
6 HAMAI AND DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, PHIL ANSELL AND
7 HIS TEAM WHO LED THIS EFFORT WITH GREAT VIGOR IN A PROCESS OF
8 OPEN DISCUSSION AND COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT. THIS
9 PROCESS OF OPEN COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY
10 OF LOS ANGELES, BETWEEN OUR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS,
11 BETWEEN DISPARATE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES LED TO A
12 HISTORIC MOMENT. THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, AT THE SAME TIME,
13 BOTH POISED TO APPROVE AND LAUNCH A SET OF INTERCONNECTED AND
14 MUTUALLY SELF-REINFORCING STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS IN
15 THIS COUNTY. THIS FULL COMMITMENT IS NEEDED BECAUSE
16 HOMELESSNESS IS AT A CRISIS LEVEL IN LOS ANGELES. WE JUST
17 COMPLETED OUR STREET CENSUS FOR 2016 HOMELESS COUNT. WE DON'T
18 HAVE THE RESULTS OF THAT, BUT A YEAR AGO WE FOUND 44,000
19 PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS AND IN OUR SHELTERS. IF YOU ANNUALIZE
20 THAT NUMBER, IT'S MORE THAN THREE TIMES THAT ACROSS THE COURSE
21 OF A YEAR. L.A.H.S.A.'S BEEN DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN BOTH THE CITY
22 AND THE COUNTY PROCESSES TO DEVELOP THESE STRATEGIES. WE HAVE
23 SEEN THE SHARED COMMITMENT TO COME UP WITH A COMPREHENSIVE
24 SOLUTION FOR ALL OF LOS ANGELES. THESE STRATEGIES ARE UNIFIED
25 BY A CENTRAL FOCUS ON HOUSING AS THE KEY RESOURCE, ON THE NEED

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1 FOR COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND ON STRENGTHENING
2 CORE SYSTEMS LIKE OUR COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM. IT'S
3 PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE FRANK RECOGNITION OF THE
4 RESOURCES NEEDED TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS HERE. TO CARRY OUT
5 THESE STRATEGIES IS GOING TO TAKE FUNDING AS BOTH CITY AND
6 COUNTY CLEARLY LAY OUT. IT'S ALSO CLEAR THAT THE CITY AND THE
7 COUNTY WILL NEED TO WORK WITH OUR FEDERAL, STATE AND PRIVATE
8 SECTOR PARTNERS TO DEVELOP NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCES FOR
9 THESE NEEDS. BUT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT TO
10 ACHIEVE THESE GOALS WILL NOT ONLY BRING WIDESPREAD
11 HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS, BUT WILL
12 ACTUALLY SAVE MONEY IN THE END, DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY.
13 HOMELESSNESS IS MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE THAN HOUSING OUR HOMELESS
14 NEIGHBORS. OUR FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING PARTNERS HAVE BEEN
15 WATCHING THIS PROCESS CLOSELY, AND I BELIEVE THEY WILL BE
16 ENCOURAGED BY THE DEPTH, SCOPE AND COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THESE
17 STRATEGIES. NOW THEY, LIKE THE REST OF OUR LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS
18 WILL BEGIN WATCHING EVEN MORE INTENTLY AS WE BEGIN THE
19 IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE STRATEGIES AND GET THEM INTO ACTION.
20 BOTH SETS OF STRATEGIES ARTICULATE A CLEAR CENTRAL ROLE FOR
21 L.A.H.S.A. IN THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS AND
22 PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND L.A.H.S.A.'S READY TO
23 TAKE THAT ROLE ON. THIS IS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION, A MOMENT
24 BETWEEN THE STRATEGY WORK OF THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND THE
25 IMPLEMENTATION WORK OF THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD. WE LOOK

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1 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU ON ACCOMPLISHING THIS GOAL
2 AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **VERONICA LEWIS:** GOOD MORNING. AS I REFLECTED ON THIS MOMENTOUS
5 OCCASION AND YOUR VOTE TODAY, I BECAME VERY APPRECIATIVE OF
6 THE FACT THAT THIS BOARD COMMISSIONS US AN AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY
7 INPUT PROCESS IN WHICH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, CONSUMERS THAT
8 HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE FRAGMENTATION WITHIN OUR COUNTY AND
9 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN. AS A
10 COMMUNITY PROVIDER, AS A [INAUDIBLE], AS A LEADER IN THE
11 S.P.A. 6 COMMUNITY AND AS A MEMBER AND CHAIR OF THE
12 COORDINATING COUNCIL, I CAN TRULY SAY THAT I FELT HEARD. WE
13 HAVE ROBUST CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE GAPS, MANY BARRIERS,
14 FRAGMENTATION AND MISSING PIECES BUT I CAN ALSO CLEARLY SEE
15 THAT OUR LESSONS LEARNED, OUR EXPERTISE, OUR CREATIVE IDEAS
16 AND OUR INNOVATIONS ARE WOVEN THROUGHOUT THE FABRIC OF THIS
17 PLAN. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT, FEELING YOUR TEAM. I'M MOST
18 EXCITED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS PLAN NOT ONLY ACKNOWLEDGES,
19 BUT RESPONDS TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MULTIPLE FACES OF
20 HOMELESSNESS. FOR MANY YEARS, WE'VE BEEN HEAVILY FOCUSED ON
21 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS, AND THEY ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE, SO I
22 APPRECIATE THAT. BUT THIS PLAN, WHEN APPROVED, WILL ALLOW US
23 TO HELP PEOPLE THAT NEED A LITTLE BIT OF A HELPING HAND TO
24 BECOME STABILIZED BEFORE THEY BECOME CHRONICALLY HOMELESS AND
25 WILL ALLOW US TO SERVE SPECIAL POPULATIONS WITH THE BEST

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1 PRACTICES THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THEM SUCH AS DOMESTIC
2 VIOLENCE POPULATIONS, TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH, TO MEET THEIR
3 UNIQUE NEEDS. I'M ALSO EXCITED THAT THE PLAN WILL ALLOW US TO
4 PREVENT MANY FAMILIES FROM BECOMING HOMELESS BECAUSE WE KNOW
5 THAT STRONG AND STABILIZED FAMILIES HELP US LEAD TO STRONG,
6 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. AND WHAT I'M HOPEFUL ABOUT AND WHAT'S
7 VERY CRITICAL IS THE FACT THAT THERE ARE STRATEGIES NOW TO
8 SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS OUR FORMERLY INCARCERATED MEN AND WOMEN
9 COMING HOME. FOR YEARS THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS FOR
10 THAT POPULATION TO ACCESS HOMELESS SERVICES, SO WE APPRECIATE
11 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERED
12 HOMELESS, TOO. AND WE'RE WORKING WITH THEM DIRECTLY EVEN PRIOR
13 TO THEM HITTING THE STREETS. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
14 CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE,
15 L.A.H.S.A., COORDINATING COUNCIL AND MY FELLOW COMMUNITY
16 PROVIDERS AS WE CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE OF HOMELESSNESS IN OUR
17 COUNTY, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MA'AM, COULD YOU PLEASE, BEFORE WE GO
20 ON TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, JUST REPRESENT YOUR NAME AND YOUR
21 INSTITUTION.

22
23 **VERONICA LEWIS:** SURE. IT'S A LONG LIST. VERONICA LEWIS.
24 SPECIAL SERVICE FOR GROUP TOPICS. I'M ALSO THE CHAIR OF THE

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1 L.A.H.S.A. COORDINATING COUNCIL AND CHAIR OF THE SPONSORED
2 HOMELESS COALITION.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. AND MOVING FORWARD, IF
5 EVERYONE COULD PLEASE INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND THEIR TITLE.
6 THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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8 **VA LECIA ADAMS:** ABSOLUTELY. MY NAME IS DR. VA LECIA ADAMS
9 KELHAM. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER AND
10 I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL REPRESENTING
11 S.P.A. 5. ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER SERVES HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND
12 FAMILIES ON THE WEST SIDE AND ALSO IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. AND
13 I, TOO, COMMEND THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE OVER THE
14 YEARS, AND THIS YEAR IN PARTICULAR TO HELP ADVANCE THIS WORK.
15 IT'S NOTABLE. AND PHIL, I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE YOUR
16 LEADERSHIP. IT'S BEEN PHENOMENAL. THE PLAN BEFORE YOU MOVES US
17 IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND IT'S THE RESULT OF MANY, MANY
18 HOURS, MEETINGS AND TOUGH CONVERSATIONS. AND I KNOW THAT
19 BECAUSE I WAS THERE. I WAS IN THOSE MEETINGS. AND I DIDN'T
20 ALWAYS AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT WAS SAID OR ALL THE POINTS.
21 BUT I STAND BEHIND THIS PLAN 100 PERCENT. I STAND BEHIND IT
22 BECAUSE IT'S COMPREHENSIVE. BECAUSE IT HEARS THE VOICES OF THE
23 PEOPLE THAT ARE ON THE STREETS AND THOSE WHO DO THE WORK EVERY
24 DAY. IT CONNECTS THE HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER AND MAINSTREAM
25 SYSTEMS OF CARE. AND, BOY, WE HAD LOTS OF GREAT CONVERSATIONS

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1 ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT. IT PROMOTES COLLABORATION
2 BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CITY. I'M SPENDING MORE TIME IN COUNTY
3 OFFICES AND CITY OFFICES THAN I EVER HAVE BEFORE, AND I'M
4 HEARING SOME OF THE SAME THINGS. IT'S SO ENCOURAGING. THE PLAN
5 BUILDS UPON BEST PRACTICE, MODELS WE KNOW ARE EFFECTIVE IN
6 GETTING PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. AND I'M SO GLAD TO SEE THAT
7 INTEGRATED TEAMS AND STREET MEDICINE IS PROMOTED IN THIS WORK.
8 IT PROMOTES THE EXPANSION OF SYSTEMS THAT ARE ALREADY IN
9 PLACE, LIKE THE COORDINATED ENTRY. SO WE'RE NOT STARTING FROM
10 SCRATCH ON DAY ONE. AND I THINK THAT WILL HELP TO PROPEL US
11 EVEN MORE. IT ALSO PROMOTES PREVENTION. AND WE ALL KNOW WE
12 HAVE TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS LIKE
13 THOSE IN THE FILM FROM EVER FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. I'VE
14 NEVER BEEN MORE HOPEFUL. I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE ENTHUSIASTIC
15 ABOUT THE MOMENT THAT WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW. AND I CAN'T WAIT TO
16 SEE THE IMPLEMENTATION. AND I AM SO PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS
17 EFFORT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **ELISE BUIK:** HI, MY NAME IS ELISE BUIK. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND
20 C.E.O. OF THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. BEFORE I
21 SHARE SOME COMMENTS, I WANT US TO REMEMBER TODAY THAT BEHIND
22 EVERY HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL IS A DREAM AND A STORY. AND I WOULD
23 LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE DR. STUART PEARLMAN FOR HIS AMAZING
24 ARTWORK THAT REMINDS US OF THE STORIES AND THE DREAMS OF THE
25 PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. SO THANK YOU. I'M HERE TODAY TO OFFER

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1 OUR ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESS
2 INITIATIVE. AND I HAVE TO SAY I HOPE WE WILL REALLY TAKE A
3 MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE HISTORIC NATURE OF WHAT TODAY IS ALL
4 ABOUT. IT HAS BEEN A LONG, HARD ROAD TO GET HERE, BUT WE ARE
5 FINALLY HERE. AND IT NEVER WOULD HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE
6 LEADERSHIP OF EACH SUPERVISOR. YOUR REGIONAL APPROACH, NOT THE
7 DIVIDE BY FIVE BUSINESS AS USUAL, OUR NEW COUNTY C.E.O. AND I
8 REALLY WANT TO GIVE AN AMAZING COMMENDATION TO PHIL ANSELL.
9 THE AMOUNT OF COLLABORATION IS TRULY UNPRECEDENTED WITH THE
10 COMMUNITY GROUPS AND DEVELOPING A VERY SOLID PLAN. BUT ALSO
11 THE UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF FUNDING THAT YOU ARE COMMITTING
12 TODAY RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW. YOUR LEADERSHIP IS HAVING A RIPPLE
13 EFFECT ACROSS THIS COMMUNITY TODAY AND IT NEVER WOULD HAVE
14 HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU. SO WE ARE HERE TO SAY THANK YOU. I WANT
15 TO COMMEND THE COUNTY FOR THE STRATEGIES THAT HAVE BEEN
16 MENTIONED ARE NOT A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL. THAT IS VERY
17 ENCOURAGING TO ALL OF US. YOU ARE TARGETING ALL THE DIFFERENT
18 POPULATIONS THAT WE SERVE, THE MENTALLY ILL, THOSE WHO ARE RE-
19 ENTERING SOCIETY UPON RELEASE FROM OUR JAILS, OUR FOSTER
20 YOUTH, OUR VETERANS, OUR FAMILIES. WITH A COMPREHENSIVE
21 APPROACH. SO TODAY MARKS A NEW DAY. WE ARE SEEING
22 UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THIS COUNTY AND
23 ALL OF THE CITIES THAT ARE REPRESENTED IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY
24 BUT ALSO WHO WOULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED THAT WE WOULD SEE A
25 JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY COMING OUT

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1 TODAY? TRULY HISTORIC. WHAT'S AMAZING ABOUT TODAY IS THAT WE
2 HAVE MANY ASSETS THAT WE BRING TO THIS POINT ALONG THE ROAD.
3 AND FOR ME IT IS THE CONSENSUS AND ALIGNMENT THAT HAS BEEN
4 GAINED THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP FROM ALL OF OUR SECTORS. THE
5 BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE BUSINESS
6 LEADERS TASKFORCE FOR THE HOME FOR GOOD EFFORT. OUR FAITH-
7 BASED LEADERS. OUR NONPROFITS. GOVERNMENT AND PHILANTHROPY ON
8 WHAT WE KNOW WORKS, INCLUDING THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM
9 THAT WE ARE DEVELOPING TOGETHER AND HOUSING MODELS WITH PROVEN
10 TRACK RECORDS, INCLUDING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND
11 RAPID REHOUSING. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MOMENT SUCH AS TODAY
12 IN MY 20 PLUS YEARS OF THE UNITED WAY WITH SUCH AMAZING
13 POLITICAL AND PUBLIC WILL TO ACT ON THIS ISSUE. THE UNITED WAY
14 STANDS READY WITH OUR HOME FOR GOOD PARTNERS TO DO OUR PART TO
15 RECOMMIT AND TO UP OUR LEVEL OF COMMITMENTS TO FULLY SUPPORT
16 THIS ISSUE. AND I WANTED TO BE HERE PERSONALLY TODAY TO SALUTE
17 YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR MAKING TODAY HAPPEN. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **GARY TOEBBEN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS GARY TOEBBEN AND I'M
20 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'D
21 LIKE TO THANK SACHI, PHIL AND THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR
22 LEADERSHIP FOR BRINGING US HERE TODAY. ON BEHALF OF THE
23 MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY, I URGE YOU TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN ENDING OUR HOUSING
25 AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS BY ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS

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1 STRATEGY BEFORE YOU TODAY. AS THIS HEARING PROGRESSES, THE
2 BROAD-BASED SUPPORT FOR ADDRESSING THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN
3 OUR COUNTY WILL BE OBVIOUS. COLLECTIVELY, THERE ARE FOUR
4 LESSONS THAT WE LEARNED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS AS THE CHAMBER
5 AND THE UNITED WAY LAUNCHED HOME FOR GOOD. YOU WILL NOTE THAT
6 THESE FOUR LESSONS CLOSELY DOVETAIL WITH THE STRATEGIES THAT
7 YOU HEARD FROM PHIL. THE FIRST IS THAT INVESTMENT WORKS AND IS
8 ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. WHILE HOMELESSNESS MAY SEEM INTRACTABLE,
9 IN 2016, THIS YEAR, WE WILL CELEBRATE AN EFFECTIVE END TO
10 VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS NOT AN ACCIDENT.
11 WE'VE AMASSED AN UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT OF RESOURCES FOR
12 HOMELESS VETERANS AND IT HAS PAID OFF. LESSON NUMBER 2 IS
13 HOUSING WORKS. THE CONSEQUENCES AND CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS ARE
14 MULTIFACETED, BUT THE FIRST STEP IS TO PROVIDE SAFE AND SECURE
15 HOUSING SO INDIVIDUALS ARE THEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON THEIR OTHER
16 NEEDS. OUR HOME FOR GOOD PARTNERS HAVE PERMANENTLY HOUSED AND
17 TRANSFORMED MORE THAN 25,000 LIVES THROUGH THIS STRATEGY SINCE
18 2011. THIRD, COLLABORATION WORKS. THE FOUNDATION FOR LONG TERM
19 PROGRESS IS PARTNERSHIP. OUR FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE WORKS WITH
20 20 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDERS. THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM
21 HAS OVER 150 PARTICIPATING PARTIES. MORE THAN 12,000 ADVOCATES
22 PARTICIPATE IN HOMEWALK. AND, FOURTH, ACCOUNTABILITY WORKS. AS
23 BUSINESS LEADERS, BEING ABLE TO MEASURE SUCCESS AND SHORTFALLS
24 IS ESSENTIAL. CLEAR MEASURES AND STANDARDS WILL ENABLE US TO
25 COLLECTIVELY MODIFY OUR STRATEGIES AS SITUATIONS CHANGE SO

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1 THAT WE CAN MANAGE HOMELESSNESS IN THE SHORT-TERM AND END
2 CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN THE LONG TERM. WE WELCOME THE
3 LEADERSHIP SHOWN BY THE COUNTY, AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU, AS HAS
4 ALREADY BEEN STATED, TO CLOSELY COORDINATE YOUR WORK WITH
5 OTHER PARTNERS. WHILE THE CHALLENGES OF MANAGING AND
6 ELIMINATING HOMELESSNESS ARE GREATER TODAY THAN THEY HAVE EVER
7 BEEN, SO, TOO, IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE REAL SOLUTIONS.
8 THE COST OF INACTION WILL TAX OUR BROADER COMMUNITY MORE THAN
9 INVESTING IN THE IMMEDIATE AND LASTING SOLUTIONS THAT ARE
10 PROPOSED TODAY. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO DO OTHERWISE. THANK YOU
11 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WE ARE GOING
14 TO TRANSITION NOW TO ANOTHER PANEL. AND I WANT TO THANK THIS
15 PANEL FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK, LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.] OUR
16 SECOND PANEL IS MADE UP OF INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING VARIOUS
17 CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE HAVE ARA NADJARIAN, LINDSAY
18 HORVATH. PATRICK FUREY, MARY SU, ANDRE QUINTERO, JOE LYONS,
19 PETER CHAN, AJA BROWN, MEHAUL O'LEARY, CRISTIAN MARKOVICH AND
20 KARINA MACIAS. I WILL ASK YOU TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND THE
21 CITY YOU REPRESENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE HONORED TO
22 HAVE YOU HERE THIS MORNING.

23

24 **ANDRE QUINTERO:** MADAME CHAIR. ANDRE QUINTERO, MAYOR OF THE
25 CITY OF EL MONTE. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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1 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT INITIATIVE.
2 REPRESENTING 115,000 RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE AND
3 MUCH MORE WHO ARE LIVING ON OUR STREETS, WE PLEDGE OUR
4 COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY ON THIS. WE SUPPORT THIS
5 INITIATIVE, VERY IMPORTANT INITIATIVE. AND I CAN JUST SHARE
6 SOME BRIEF ANECDOTAL INFORMATION OF SOME OF THE EFFORTS THAT
7 WE'VE MADE IN OUR CITY TO TRY TO PROVIDE HOUSING. RECENT
8 DEVELOPMENT OF 132 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS. WE HAD MORE THAN
9 3,000 APPLICANTS FOR THOSE 132 UNITS. WE CLEARLY KNOW THAT
10 THERE'S A HUGE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE ALSO HAVE HAD
11 PRESENTATIONS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS WITH PEOPLE SAYING
12 THAT THEIR RENT IS GOING UP. PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN OUR MOBILE
13 HOME PARKS ALSO BEING PRICED OUT OF THOSE TYPES OF UNITS. THE
14 NEED IS DESPERATE. AND IT IS OUR MORAL IMPERATIVE NOW TO TAKE
15 ACTION. AND SO WITH THAT, WE WANT TO COMMIT TO THE COUNTY OUR
16 SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE AND TO DO WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO
17 TO BE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS IN THIS EFFORT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAYOR?

20

21 **AJA BROWN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS AJA BROWN, MAYOR OF THE
22 CITY OF COMPTON. MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT IS
23 TRULY AN HONOR TO BE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ADDRESS YOU ALL ON
24 THIS MOST IMPORTANT MATTER. I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS THE CITY
25 OF COMPTON'S DESIRE TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY AND OTHER

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1 NONPROFIT AGENCIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR HOMELESS
2 POPULATION. IN THIS YEAR'S HOMELESS COUNT, WE RECORDED 364
3 HOMELESS ADULTS IN COMPTON, YET 1300 CHILDREN ARE COMPTON
4 WITHIN THE COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. IN THE LAST YEAR,
5 WITH THE HELP OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WE DEVELOPED
6 SEVERAL HUNDRED UNITS OF SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, YET WE HAD
7 THOUSANDS OF APPLICATIONS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING AS AN
8 ACTIVE PARTNER THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN. WE ARE WILLING TO
9 PLEDGE OUR EXISTING RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE COLLECTIVE PLAN
10 TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. AS A PRODUCT OF A SINGLE PARENT
11 HOUSEHOLD, I UNDERSTAND FIRSTHAND THAT MANY HARD WORKING
12 FAMILIES THAT HAVE BOUGHT INTO THE AMERICAN DREAM ARE
13 LITERALLY ONE CATASTROPHE, UNPLANNED EXPENSE, JOB LOSS OR
14 ILLNESS AWAY FROM BEING DISPLACED. THIS DYNAMIC PLAN IS NOT
15 SIMPLY A STRATEGY, IT IS A HISTORIC AND UNPRECEDENTED,
16 SYSTEMATIC MOVEMENT TOWARD RESTORING DIGNITY AND REUNITING
17 FAMILIES THAT HAVE THAT WILL HAVE A LONG TERM IMPACT ON OUR
18 SOCIETY THAT CANNOT YET BE MEASURED. I CAME HERE TODAY TO
19 AFFIRM MY CITY'S SUPPORT OF THIS PLAN AND CONFIRM THAT COMPTON
20 IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS. WE OFFER OUR CITY AS A PILOT FOR NEW
21 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS. THE CITY OF COMPTON HAS A
22 DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF RE-ENTRY POPULATION COMING THROUGH
23 THE COMPTON COURTHOUSE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP IN ADDRESSING THE
24 MULTITUDE OF NEEDS FOR THIS UNIQUE POPULATION THAT ARE BEING
25 RELEASED BACK INTO OUR SOCIETY WITH LIMITED RESOURCES, YET

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1 THEY'RE EXPECTED TO THRIVE. I'M HERE TODAY NOT ONLY ON BEHALF
2 OF THE CITY, BUT ON BEHALF OF COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
3 SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, SATRA ZURITA, THAT TOGETHER WE ARE
4 COMMITTED TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND
5 FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. MADAME CHAIR, OUR CITY'S
6 REPRESENTATIVE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THE ENTIRE
7 BOARD, I SALUTE YOU, YOUR UNPRECEDENTED LEADERSHIP, TENACITY
8 AND INVESTMENT TOWARD THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND
9 FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] YES.

12

13 **PATRICK FUREY:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M
14 TORRANCE MAYOR, PATRICK FUREY. TODAY I'M PROUD OF MY COUNTY OF
15 LOS ANGELES AND PROUD OF THE EFFORTS OF THIS BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS. I'M ALSO PROUD OF MY FELLOW CITIES AND ELECTED
17 OFFICIALS FOR JOINING IN THIS GREAT EFFORT. I'M REALLY PROUD
18 OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL WHO JOINED ME
19 RECENTLY TO CREATE A CITY COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS
20 AMONG OTHER ISSUES THAT AFFECT OUR PEOPLE. I'M PROUD OF THE
21 FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AND THEIR EFFORTS AND ALL THE COMMUNITY-
22 BASED EFFORTS THAT ARE WORKING TO ERADICATE HOMELESSNESS.
23 LASTLY, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU, ALL OF OUR PARTNERS. I
24 ASSURE YOU THAT TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU
25 VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **LINDSEY HORVATH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR, ESTEEMED
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S LINDSAY
6 HORVATH. I'M THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. I WANT
7 TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR VISION IN TAKING UP
8 THIS CONVERSATION. IT'S AN ISSUE THAT IS FACING EVERY SINGLE
9 ONE OF THE 88 CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY, AND IT'S AN ISSUE THAT
10 ISN'T GOING TO BE SOLVED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY ONE OF
11 OUR SINGLE CITIES ALONE. SO WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
12 AND YOUR PARTNERSHIP. AND I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF MY CITY
13 TO SAY THAT WE ARE COMMITTED WITH YOU AT EVERY LEVEL TO MAKE
14 SURE THAT WE ATTACK THIS ISSUE AS BEST WE CAN IN PARTNERSHIP
15 WITH YOU. WE KNOW THAT IT TAKES MORE THAN RESOURCES. IT TAKES
16 VISION. IT TAKES HEART. IT TAKES A COMMITMENT LIKE THE ONE YOU
17 ARE CONSIDERING TODAY. AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
18 THIS. I AM JOINED HERE TODAY WITH BUZZ WALLS, WHO IS A STUDENT
19 AT WEST HOLLYWOOD ELEMENTARY WHO NOTICED THIS PROBLEM ON OUR
20 STREETS AND IN OUR COMMUNITY, AS WELL, AND HIMSELF LED A BAKE
21 SALE ALONG WITH HIS STUDENTS TO RAISE MONEY TO HELP TAKE CARE
22 OF HOMELESS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN OUR COUNTY. SO WE
23 KNOW THAT AT EVERY LEVEL, THIS CONVERSATION IS HAPPENING IN
24 OUR COMMUNITY AND THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. YOU CAN COUNT ON US

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1 IN WEST HOLLYWOOD TO BE LEADERS WITH YOU. AND WE THANK YOU
2 AGAIN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, BRAVE
5 CONSTITUENTS THERE HELPING. THE YOUNG ARE POWERFUL.

6

7 **ARA NADJARIAN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ARA NADJARIAN, I'M THE MAYOR
9 OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE. AND, YES, GLENDALE HAS HOMELESS
10 ISSUES ALSO. WE HAVE ABOUT 240 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. SOME ARE
11 RESISTANT TO CARE, SOME ARE BEGGING FOR CARE. I CAN TELL YOU
12 THAT WE'RE WORKING VERY HARD WITH L.A.H.S.A., WITH THE GREAT
13 EFFORTS OF OUR FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, MICHAEL ANTONOVICH,
14 WHO HAS DEVOTED MANY RESOURCES TOWARDS HELPING SOLVE THIS
15 PROBLEM. BUT AS THE GENTLEMAN SAID, THIS PROBLEM HAS TO BE
16 SOLVED BY ATTACKING IT ON ALL FRONTS. FROM THE FAITH-BASED
17 COMMUNITIES, FROM THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS. WE HAVE A
18 GREAT INSTITUTION IN GLENDALE CALLED ASCENSIA, AND THEY DO SO
19 MUCH. THEY HELP WITH PREVENTIVE HOMELESSNESS. THEY HELP WITH
20 CHILDREN. THEY HELP US WITH VETERANS HOUSING, SENIOR HOUSING,
21 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. GLENDALE IS COMMITTED
22 TO YOUR PLAN, TO THIS INITIATIVE. IT'S A WONDERFUL PROJECT.
23 AND I DON'T MEAN JUST THE CITY COUNCIL OR THE MAYOR. I KNOW
24 THAT ALL THE ELECTEDS, ALL THE RESIDENTS ARE COMMITTED TOWARD
25 SOLVING THIS PROBLEM. WE ARE STRONG CITIES. WE ARE PART OF A

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1 STRONG COUNTY. AND TOGETHER WE CAN SOLVE THE HOMELESSNESS
2 ISSUE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **MARY SU:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND ALL THE SUPERVISORS. IT IS
7 REALLY ENCOURAGING TO SEE SO MANY PRIVATE SECTOR--

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MARY SU, INTRODUCE YOURSELF? I'M
10 SORRY.

11

12 **MARY SU:** MARY SU, MAYOR PRO TEM FOR CITY OF WALNUT, FAR AWAY.
13 IT TAKES 1-1/2 HOURS TO COME HERE. [LAUGHTER.]

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. YOU'RE
16 WELCOME.

17

18 **MARY SU:** BUT I'M SO HAPPY TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. THIS I SAY,
19 IT IS REALLY ENCOURAGING TO SEE SO MANY NONPROFIT
20 ORGANIZATIONS AND SO MANY PRIVATE SECTOR AND BUSINESS
21 ORGANIZATIONS AND ALL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITIES UNITED
22 TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THIS ISSUE. LOS ANGELES IS SUCH A
23 BEAUTIFUL CITY. IT'S WORLD FAMOUS. EVERYBODY KNOWS LOS
24 ANGELES. BUT THERE'S SOME HOMELESS. HOMELESS IS OUR ISSUE, IS
25 OUR OBLIGATION, IS EVEN I PRIVILEGE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HELP

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1 THOSE PEOPLE. SO I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT OUR SUPERVISORS AND
2 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WALNUT, I WANT TO SHOW MY SINCERE
3 APPRECIATION FOR ALL YOUR EFFORT TO MAKE THIS ISSUE YOUR FIRST
4 PRIORITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US.
7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **PETER CHAN:** I'M PETER CHAN, MAYOR OF MONTEREY PARK AND I'M SO
10 HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY RESOLVE THIS HOMELESS PROBLEM WITH THE
11 COUNTY TOGETHER BECAUSE THE CITY OF L.A. HAS ALREADY STARTED
12 TO DISPLACE SOME HOMELESS PEOPLE, AND THEY DISBURSE TO THE
13 CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, TOO. TRADITIONALLY WE DO HAVE SOME
14 PROBLEMS. THEY COME TO THE RESTAURANTS TO EAT AND THEN
15 AFTERWARDS NO MONEY TO PAY. AND SO POLICE WERE CALLED AND SOME
16 PROBLEMS WERE CREATED. AND NOW IT'S GETTING MORE. AND SOME
17 WENT TO THE FAST FOOD CHAINS, SIT THERE FOR A FEW HOURS AND
18 THEN THEY HAVE TO CALL POLICE, AND SO A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN THE
19 CITY AT THIS TIME. IT'S BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE
20 PLAN. IT IS JUST CITY BY CITY DOING IT THEMSELVES, WHICH IS
21 NOT GOOD. SO GOOD THAT THE COUNTY IS THINKING OF TAKING THE
22 LEAD AND PUTTING THIS TOGETHER, PUTTING MONEY INTO IT AND
23 RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM ONCE AND FOR ALL. AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN
24 HELP THEM, THOSE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE WHO BECAME HOMELESS
25 BECAUSE OF VARIOUS PERSONAL REASONS THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO.

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1 AND I WOULD SAY THOSE ARE THE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE. AND WE
2 SHOULD HELP THEM TO GET BACK TO THEIR FEET. AND MONTEREY PARK,
3 WE JUST STARTED AND WILL BE FINISHED A SIXTH UNIT, LOW INCOME
4 HOUSING IN THE CITY, WHICH IS ONLY A DROP IN THE BUCKET BUT IS
5 A BEGINNING. SO HOPEFULLY THE COUNTY CAN ALSO PROVIDE MORE
6 HOUSING AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM SO
7 THAT WE CAN RESOLVE THIS FOR ONCE AND FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR.

10

11 **CRISTIAN MARKOVICH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN
12 MARKOVICH, MAYOR FROM THE CITY OF CUDAHY. I JUST WANT TO THANK
13 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM AND TO COMMEND
14 YOU ON THIS AMAZING INITIATIVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
15 IS PUTTING FORTH. AS WE KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS IS A CHRONIC
16 ISSUE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF CUDAHY DEFINITELY
17 EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THIS ITEM. THIS ITEM IS DEFINITELY WHAT
18 THIS COUNTRY IS ALL ABOUT: HELPING OUT YOUR FELLOW MAN AND
19 MAKING SURE THAT WE AS AMERICANS COULD HELP OUT IN ANY WAY WE
20 CAN TO HELP OUR NEIGHBOR AND TO HELP THOSE THAT ARE IN NEED OF
21 ASSISTANCE. SO I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS BRIEF. JUST KNOW THAT THE
22 CITY OF CUDAHY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS ITEM AND THAT WE WILL
23 HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE. THANK
2 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **JORGE MORALES:** MY NAME IS JORGE MORALES, I'M THE MAYOR OF THE
5 CITY OF SOUTH GATE. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE 100,000
6 RESIDENTS ON THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE TO SUPPORT THIS
7 COMPREHENSIVE INITIATIVE TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. I'M
8 ENCOURAGED BY THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN TO
9 ADDRESS THIS YOU THAT'S TAKING OUR COMMUNITIES. IN THE CITY OF
10 SOUTH GATE WE COUNTED ABOUT 212 HOMELESS WITHIN THE CITY
11 BOUNDARIES AND THE L.A. RIVER WHICH CUTS ACROSS OUR CITY. AND
12 THIS IS A POLICY ISSUE THAT'S PERSONAL TO ME. AT ONE POINT MY
13 BROTHER WAS PART OF THE 212. HE WAS ADDICTED TO DRUGS. HE LOST
14 CONTROL OF HIS LIFE AND HIS THREE DAUGHTERS. BUT IT WAS THE
15 EFFORTS OF MANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT SIT BEHIND ME TODAY THAT
16 BROUGHT MY BROTHER BACK TO OUR FAMILY. TODAY HE OWNS TWO
17 BUSINESSES AND HE HAS HIS DAUGHTERS BACK. BUT AGAIN IT TOOK A
18 LOT OF EFFORTS TO BRING HIM BACK. IT TOOK COMPASSION AND NOT
19 CRIMINALIZATION TO HELP HIM. IT TOOK CASE MANAGEMENT,
20 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING THAT HELPED HIM
21 AND NOT BEING PART OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. TODAY I'M ENCOURAGED
22 BY YOUR EFFORTS, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I LOOK FORWARD TO
23 BEING A PARTNER IN THIS JOURNEY WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES. AND LASTLY I INVITE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
25 CONSIDER HOSTING THE REGIONAL SUMMIT IN THE CITY OF SOUTH

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1 GATE. WE HAVE AN AUDITORIUM WHERE WE CAN HOST ABOUT 1,000
2 PEOPLE AND THERE'S PLENTY OF FREE PARKING.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TOUCHE. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **ROBERT PULLEN MILES:** ROBERT PULLEN MILES, THE MAYOR OF THE
7 CITY OF LAWNSDALE. THANK YOU, HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
8 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY.
9 MADAME CHAIR, WE ARE IN A CRISIS. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF
10 THE 32,000 RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF LAWNSDALE AND ALSO THE 300
11 HOMELESS CHILDREN THAT GO TO OUR SCHOOLS. ON THEIR BEHALF, I
12 THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS INITIATIVE TOGETHER. THIS
13 INITIATIVE IS DOABLE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE AS A CITY, AS A
14 COUNTY WORKING COLLECTIVELY CAN MAKE HAPPEN. I KNOW JUST A
15 LITTLE BIT ABOUT BEING HOMELESS. WHEN I MOVED TO CALIFORNIA
16 WHEN I WAS ABOUT 19 OR 20, NOT REALIZING HOW EXPENSIVE THE
17 STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS, AND PARTICULARLY L.A., I FOUND MYSELF
18 LIVING HOUSE TO HOUSE, DOOR-TO-DOOR AND SLEEPING BEHIND TRASH
19 BINS. SO I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW YOU CAN GO FROM YOUR
20 EVERYDAY LIFE AND JUST FIND YOURSELF HOMELESS. THAT'S WHY THIS
21 INITIATIVE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AS THE MAYOR IN THE CITY OF
22 LAWNSDALE AND I ENCOURAGE YOUR ADOPTION. WHEN YOU DRIVE DOWN
23 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND YOU NOTICE ALL THE HOMELESS PEOPLE
24 THAT YOU DIDN'T SEE YEARS AGO, YOU REALIZE THAT WE'RE IN A
25 CRISIS. WHEN YOU SEE ALL THE ENCAMPMENTS, THE HOMELESS

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1 ENCAMPMENTS THAT'S NEAR THE 405 FREEWAY, YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE
2 IN CRISIS. SO, MADAME CHAIR, I URGE YOU AND THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE ON THIS QUEST. WE WILL JOIN WITH YOU.
4 WE WILL BE YOUR PARTNER. WE KNOW THAT THIS PLAN IS NOT ONLY
5 DOABLE, BUT IT AS HUMANITARIANS, THIS PLAN IS REQUIRED. THANK
6 YOU FOR ADOPTING THIS PLAN.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **MEHAUL O'LEARY:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, BOARD. I WANT TO
11 RECOGNIZE THE CHAIR AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR MOVING FORWARD
12 WITH THIS. AS THE CHAIR, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE ACTUALLY I DIDN'T
13 RECOGNIZE. I HAVE IN MY ELECTED POSITION HAD DEALINGS WITH THE
14 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. BUT TODAY I HAVE
15 THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF, MARIA. AND I KNOW
16 THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO AT LEAST RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER IN THE
17 FUTURE. MEHAUL O'LEARY, MAYOR OF CULVER CITY, THE WONDERFUL
18 SECOND DISTRICT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, SUPERVISOR
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY THE ONLY PLACE THAT THIS
20 ISSUE CAN BE TACKLED AND TACKLED PROPERLY. WE ARE ALL THROWING
21 PIECEMEAL AT THIS, WHETHER IT'S AT A CITY LEVEL OR A BOARD
22 LEVEL OR WHETHER IT'S ONE OF THE COMMISSIONS WHICH I HAVE BEEN
23 APPOINTED TO, YOUR COMMISSION, ADVISORY COMMISSION, THE
24 COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS. THEY DEAL WITH THIS
25 ISSUE THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THE SANTA

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1 MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, DEALS
2 WITH THIS ISSUE WITH HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS IN THE SANTA MONICA
3 MOUNTAINS. SO THIS ISSUE IS TOUCHING SO MANY DIFFERENT PARTS
4 OF OUR COMMUNITY AND WE'RE ALL THROWING MONEY AT IT. AND
5 THERE'S NO CONSOLIDATION OF ASSETS, OF FUNDING, OF STAFFING.
6 WE HAVE STAFFING SPECIFICALLY DEDICATED TO HOMELESSNESS, TO
7 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AS WAS STATED BY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES
8 EARLIER, WE'RE PUSHING OUR WORKING FORCE OUT OF OUR
9 COMMUNITIES BECAUSE OF-- YES, CULVER CITY IS AFFLUENT, BUT
10 RENT PRICES ARE GOING UP. PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE THERE
11 ANYMORE. SO THERE'S TOO MUCH MONEY BEING SPENT WITHOUT THE
12 CONSOLIDATED EFFORT. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. THIS IS WHY IT
13 MAKES IT SO EXCITING. MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. VOTE AYE ON
14 THIS. IT SEEMS LIKE A NO BRAINER, BUT IT'S GOING TAKE A LOT OF
15 BRAINS AND A LOT OF BRAIN WORK TO GET THIS DONE RIGHT. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **KARINA MACIAS:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY
21 NAME IS KARINA MACIAS. I'M THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON
22 PARK. I'M HERE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR FOCUSING ON THIS ISSUE AND
23 IN SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE WAY. HOMELESSNESS IS SOMETHING THAT WE
24 HAVE SEEN INCREASE IN OUR CITY. IN FACT, MOST OF THE SOUTHEAST
25 CITIES, MAINLY FROM INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE COMING FROM SKID ROW

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1 OR DOWNTOWN. OUR CITY IS COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOU TO END
2 THIS ISSUE. WE JUST RECENTLY HAD OUR HOMELESS COUNT AT
3 HUNTINGTON PARK. WE HAD OVER 80 VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING OUR CITY
4 MANAGER AND OUR STAFF. SO WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO WORKING IN
5 WHATEVER WAY WE CAN IN ORDER TO HELP YOU TO END HOMELESSNESS.
6 IT'S SOMETHING THAT TOUCHES ME NOT ONLY AS A MAYOR BUT ALSO AN
7 INDIVIDUAL LEVEL BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN FRIENDS GO THROUGH
8 HOMELESSNESS. SO I DEFINITELY WANT TO SEE THIS ISSUE TACKLED
9 AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR REACHING SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE
10 LEVEL TO TACKLE IT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO
11 REMIND IS THAT THE SOUTHEAST CITIES ARE BUILT OUT. WE'RE VERY
12 SMALL. WE PROVIDE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT
13 WE ARE DEALING WITH A SITUATION THAT WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER
14 AS SOUTHEAST CITIES BECAUSE WE'RE SMALL. SO PLEASE REMEMBER US
15 WHEN IT COMES TO FUNDING SO THAT WE CAN ALSO HELP OUT THOSE
16 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE SEE IN OUR STREETS. AGAIN, THANK YOU SO
17 MUCH FOR FOCUSING ON THIS ISSUE.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING. GREAT.

20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **JOE LYONS:** MADAME CHAIR, OTHER SUPERVISORS. I AM SPEAKING
23 TODAY-- MY NAME IS JOSEPH LYONS-- SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
24 CLAREMONT AND AS THE CHAIR OF THE HOUSING COMMUNITY AND
25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

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1 C.O.G. I WANT TO COMMENT ON TWO ITEMS THAT I THINK HIGHLIGHT
2 THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PARTICULAR SET OF INITIATIVES AND ONE
3 CAUTION. THE INTEGRATED NATURE OF THIS PROGRAM I THINK IS TO
4 BE APPLAUDED AS IS THE DESIRE TO ASSURE THAT THOSE CITIES THAT
5 ARE AGAIN AFFECTED BY THIS AND ARE IN FACT TRYING ON THEIR OWN
6 TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF HOMELESSNESS ARE IN FACT AN ASSISTED
7 IN THIS PROGRAM AND IN THE INITIATIVES THAT MOVE FORWARD. I
8 CAN'T SPEAK ENOUGH TO THE FACT THAT THE EARLY INTERVENTION AND
9 PREVENTION ELEMENTS OF THIS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. I SIT ON
10 THE BOARDS OF INLAND VALLEY RECOVERY SERVICES AND TRI- CITY
11 MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND BOTH OF THOSE RUN INTO THE PROBLEM
12 OF AFTER TREATMENT, HOUSING BECOMES AN ISSUE THAT AGAIN CAN
13 UNDO ALL OF THE GOOD THAT'S BEEN DONE. SO IT'S EXTREMELY
14 IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT, THESE INITIATIVES, ADDRESS THAT ISSUE I
15 THINK QUITE WELL. THE CAUTION IS THAT AS YOU MOVE INTO THE
16 COMMUNITIES, OBVIOUSLY THEY ARE GOING TO BE-- AND SOME OF
17 THESE INITIATIVES CALL FOR CODE CHANGES AND OTHER CITY POLICY
18 CHANGES. THAT, AGAIN, WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITIES ON THESE
19 ISSUES WILL BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT LEST THE INITIATIVE BECOME
20 UNDERMINED BY THE INABILITY TO AGAIN APPRECIATE CITIES' NEEDS
21 TO MAINTAIN THEIR INTEGRITY IN THIS PROCESS WHILE PARTNERING
22 WITH YOU IN THIS EFFORT TO END SOMETHING THAT MOST OF MY ADULT
23 LIFE HAS BEEN SPENT IN ONE ORGANIZATION OR ANOTHER TRYING TO
24 RELIEVE. AND FINALLY I THINK THE ELEMENT OF OUTREACH IS
25 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. AND I KNOW THAT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE THAT

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1 THERE WAS ONE ORGANIZATION THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE THIS
2 ORGANIZATION AGAIN LOOK AT, AND THAT IS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
3 CONSORTIUM ON HOMELESSNESS. THEY CREATED A NETWORK THAT WE ALL
4 APPRECIATE AND IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE THAT ORGANIZATION AGAIN
5 RISE TO THE OCCASION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR EFFORTS.
6 WE ARE CERTAINLY HERE TO BE PARTNERS. AND WE WANT TO AGAIN
7 APPLAUD YOU FOR THAT.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10 [APPLAUSE.] BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO THE BOARD TO COMMENT, I
11 ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE COUNCILMEMBER MAURICE HARRIS DAWSON
12 WHO WAS HERE EARLIER. I KNOW HE HAD TO GO BACK TO CITY HALL.
13 BUT HE WAS HERE. WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE HIM. AND ALSO KAREN
14 DAVIS FROM THE CITY OF GLENDORA. I DON'T THINK SHE MADE IT,
15 BUT I KNOW SHE WAS PLANNING ON BEING HERE. AND ALSO, AGAIN,
16 JAMES BUTT, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD WHO WAS HERE,
17 AS WELL. WE WANT THE THANK ALL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT CAME
18 IN TODAY. WITH THAT, BEFORE I ASK MEMBERS TO COMMENT, I WANT
19 TO MAKE MY STATEMENT, AS WELL. AND I FIRST OFF WOULD LIKE TO
20 CONGRATULATE OUR C.E.O., SACHI HAMAI, FOR UNDERTAKING SUCH A
21 COURAGEOUS PLAN OF ACTION, ONE THAT I THINK HAS FORCED ALL OF
22 US TO THINK ABOUT THIS ISSUE IN A MORE HOLISTIC MANNER. AND
23 THIS ISN'T AN EASY CHARGE TO TAKE ON. A LOT OF DOUBTERS OUT IN
24 THE COUNTY AND AROUND THE COUNTRY SAY IT CAN'T BE DONE, THAT
25 SOMEHOW LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS LOST THEIR PATH. I AM SATISFIED

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1 AND VERY PROUD TO SEE THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASSEMBLE A
2 GOOD PLAN THROUGH YOUR EFFORTS, SACHI, AND THROUGH PHIL ANSELL
3 AND YOUR TEAM AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANT STAKEHOLDERS THAT TOOK
4 PART IN THE VERY LABORIOUS MEETINGS THAT WENT ON THROUGHOUT
5 THE COUNTY, MEETING DAY AND NIGHT, COMING UP WITH ALTERNATIVES
6 AND EVEN IMPLEMENTING PLANS AS WE MOVED ALONG, THE WINTER
7 SHELTERS, ALSO THE TEAMS THAT WE HAD ON THE GROUND THAT
8 INCLUDE OUR COPS, INCLUDE OUR SHERIFF, OUR L.A.H.S.A.
9 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE FACT THAT WE WERE WILLING TO TAKE THIS
10 BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF WHAT THE COUNTY WAS TYPICALLY AWARE
11 OR COMFORTABLE WITH IN THE PAST. THE BOARD HAS REALLY TAKEN ON
12 A WHOLE NEW LEADERSHIP. AND IT IS A HISTORIC DAY. IT'S A
13 HISTORIC DAY TO NOTE BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THIS
14 WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO TAKE ON, THAT WE WERE SOMEHOW AFRAID
15 OF THIS. I DON'T THINK SO. I THINK THIS BOARD TAKES THINGS
16 VERY SERIOUSLY AND IS VERY APT TO HELPING TO COORDINATE AND
17 BRING ABOUT THE KIND OF REPRESENTATION THAT WE HAVE TODAY. THE
18 ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT I BELIEVE MAY HAVE NEVER EVEN BEEN HERE
19 BEFORE ON THIS ITEM, ON AN ITEM SO IMPORTANT THAT IS THE
20 NUMBER 1 PRIORITY FOR THE COUNTY. AND FOR OUR STAFF, FOR THE
21 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND FOR YOUR VOLUNTEERS AND FOLKS THAT HAVE
22 BEEN OUT IN THE TRENCHES HELPING US PIECE THIS TOGETHER, I
23 TAKE VERY-- I TAKE WITH CAUTION THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE
24 COUNTY HAS SPENT ALREADY. AND I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO
25 BE VERY, VERY MINDFUL OF HOW WE MOVE FORWARD. IF IT'S THAT 5

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1 PERCENT WE HAVE TO TACKLE TO BRING DOWN THE COST BECAUSE
2 THAT'S WHERE A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY IS BEING SPENT, THEN WE
3 NEED TO REVERSE THAT, WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO CREATE THE
4 MOST IMMEDIATE SERVICES THAT ARE COST-EFFECTIVE THAT WILL HAVE
5 THE MOST IMPACT. AND I BELIEVE THAT YOU ALL, IN YOUR PLAN AND
6 PRESENTATION, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT US ON THE RIGHT ROAD. SO I
7 AM VERY PROUD TODAY TO SEE THAT WE'RE TACKLING THIS ISSUE AS A
8 TEAM AND VERY PROUD OF THE INPUT OF ALL OF THE MEMBERS BUT
9 ALSO THEIR STAFF. THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT ANY OF US TAKE
10 LIGHTLY. I THINK EVERY SINGLE MEMBER HERE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO
11 THIS REPORT. AND I KNOW THEY'VE DONE MORE, EVEN BEHIND THE
12 SCENES. AND IT SAYS A LOT ABOUT THE CAMARADERIE AND THE
13 RESPECT THAT WE HAVE AMONGST OURSELVES. SO I ALSO WANT TO
14 COMMEND THE BOARD ON THAT. I WAS VERY COMPELLED TO SEE THE
15 VIDEO. I THINK THE VIDEO SAYS A LOT. YOU CAPTURED, IN ESSENCE,
16 ALL CORNERS OF THE COUNTY. AND I WANT TO THANK OUR PUBLIC
17 INFORMATION OFFICERS AND STAFF AND EVERYONE WHO PUT THAT
18 TOGETHER. I COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A MORE DRAMATIC,
19 IMPORTANT, POWERFUL MESSAGE THAT ACTUALLY DESCRIBES WHAT SOME
20 OF US HAVE BEEN TRYING TO TALK ABOUT FOR THE LAST YEAR. SO I
21 WANT TO THANK YOU BECAUSE IT TAKES COURAGE. AND IT TAKES AN
22 ACT OF WILL POWER. AND CLEARLY WE HAVE THE RIGHT INDIVIDUALS
23 TO HELP US LEAD IN THIS DISCUSSION. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS
24 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT
25 THAT CAME OUT TODAY, SOME AS FAR AWAY AS WALNUT AND CLAREMONT

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1 AND POMONA AND SOUTHEAST CITIES AS WELL AS AREAS IN DOWNTOWN.
2 THIS ISN'T AN EASY THING FOR ANY OF US TO SWALLOW. I DON'T
3 THINK ANY ONE OF US APPRECIATE SEEING MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
4 OUT ON THE STREET OR IN A WATERSHED. AND JUST THIS LAST WEEK,
5 I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FLY ALONG WITH OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT
6 OVERSEEING THE WATERSHED IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THE
7 L.A. RIVER. AND BECAUSE THE WEATHER HAS BEEN SO UNSEASONABLY
8 WARM, PEOPLE ARE GOING BACK TO THE WATERSHED. AND I HAVE TO
9 CAUTION PEOPLE. THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO PULL BACK. IT IS A TIME
10 TO BE ON OUR TARGET AND TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT
11 IT'S NOT SAFE, AND THAT WE'RE THERE TO HELP THEM. AND YOU ALL
12 CAN HELP US GET THERE, ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS. SO
13 I JUST WANT TO COLLECTIVELY SAY THANK YOU. MUCHAS GRACIAS, FOR
14 ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE, THE HARD WORK AND THE FACT THAT YOU'VE
15 PUT US ON THE MAP. L.A. COUNTY CAN LOOK WITH A BIG SMILE THAT
16 WE'RE MOVING THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE HAVEN'T SOLVED THE
17 PROBLEMS, BUT WE'RE GETTING THERE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. WITH
18 THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. I
21 EXPECT IT'S APPROPRIATE TO REINFORCE THAT WHICH HAS ALREADY
22 BEEN COMMUNICATED IN TERMS OF THE UNPRECEDENTED NATURE OF WHAT
23 IT IS WE ARE SEEKING TO DO AND THE MANNER IN WHICH WE ARE
24 SEEKING TO DO IT. IT IS DEFINED BY A CERTAIN LEVEL OF
25 COLLABORATION OR A CERTAIN LEVEL OF INTENSITY, A CERTAIN

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1 RESPECT FOR THE HISTORY OF OUR EFFORTS AND A KEEN EYE FOCUSED
2 ON THAT WHICH WE MUST DO IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE
3 NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
4 WORK OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD, ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GET THIS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THERE IS
6 NO HOLDING BACK. IT IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD EACH TIME
7 THIS MATTER HAS SURFACED OVER THE PAST YEAR. EACH ONE OF US
8 HAS MADE IT OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SPEAK ABOUT THE SPECIFICS;
9 THAT IS TO SAY THE PARTICULARITY OF OUR SPECIFIC DISTRICTS ON
10 THE ONE HAND AND YET KEEP AN EYE ON THE ENTIRE COUNTY. IT IS
11 MOST IMPRESSIVE TO ME THAT WE HAVE MAYORS, COUNCILMEMBERS FROM
12 ONE END OF THIS COUNTY TO THE NEXT. THAT IS AN ASSET THAT WE
13 OUGHT TO LEVERAGE WITH ALL OF ITS MIGHT BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT
14 WE HAVE A SENSE OF ACCOUNTABILITY THAT ATTACHES TO THE
15 ADVANCEMENT OF THIS AGENDA AS WELL AS A SPIRIT OF INCLUSIVITY.
16 BOTH MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. I WANT TO SAY AGAIN, WE HAVE NOT
17 BEEN HERE BEFORE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK
18 OF OUR EXECUTIVE STAFF, THAT IS, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
19 AND THE WISDOM THAT SHE DISPLAYED IN ATTRACTING ONE WHO HAD
20 WORKED VERY LONG AND HARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL
21 SERVICES, PHIL ANSELL, TO LEAD THIS EFFORT. IT'S IMPORTANT TO
22 MAKE THE POINT-- IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE THE POINT WE DIDN'T DO
23 THIS IN A REACTIVE MODE. WE THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE TO BE
24 DELIBERATIVE, THUS THE NUMBER OF HEARINGS, THUS THE SUMMITS
25 THAT HAVE BEEN MADE REFERENCE-- TO WHICH REFERENCE HAS BEEN

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1 MADE, THUS THE NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ARE TRYING TO DO
2 THIS AS THOUGHTFULLY AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. THAT, TO MY WAY OF
3 THINKING, DISTINGUISHES US THIS EFFORT FROM PREVIOUS EFFORTS
4 THAT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN. WE MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO QUESTION THE
5 SINCERITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED THIS BEFORE, BUT WE HAVE
6 A RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE STOCK OF WHERE WE ARE NOW AND TO DO
7 IT BETTER THAN EVER. WHY? BECAUSE THE GRAVITY OF THE PROBLEM
8 IS MORE PROFOUND. AND IF WE FAIL TO ACT NOW, LET ME JUST
9 SIMPLY ASSERT THAT THINGS WILL COMPOUND THEMSELVES. THAT'S WHY
10 IF NOTHING ELSE IS A TAKE-AWAY, URGENCY HAS TO BE THE MANTRA
11 OF THE DAY. I THINK THE PLAN MAKES NO CLAIM ABOUT PERFECTION.
12 BUT IF WE WERE TO DO THIS, WE WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS.
13 IT IS BY ITS VERY NATURE COLLABORATIVE AND INCLUSIVE AND
14 THEREFORE IT IS, IN MY VIEW, COMMENDABLE. WE'VE HAD A SERIES
15 OF DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATES ON PROS AND CONS ON THE ITEM. AND
16 IT IS NOW TIME FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD. AND SO, MADAME CHAIR, I
17 PUT FORTH 47-A FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, THE BOARD'S
18 CONSIDERATION. I ACCEPT THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT OF SUPERVISOR
19 KUEHL, WHICH IS ON THAT ITEM TO MAKE SURE THAT ITEM NO. 1 IN
20 THE DIRECTIVES MOVE TO REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS WITH A PLAN. IT
21 ALSO MAKES IT CLEAR THAT WE ALLOCATE AND EXPAND ALL FUNDING
22 BASED ON THE SERVICE PLANNING AREA IF REASONABLE AS SUGGESTED.
23 AND THE LATEST HOMELESS COUNT, WHICH WE LAY A LOT OF CLAIM TO
24 AND SUPPORT IT, WE MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON
25 THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. IT MOVES FROM THERE, MADAME

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1 CHAIR, TO MAKE REFERENCE TO THE ITEMS WITH RESPECT TO REPORT
2 BACKS ON THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. IT MAKES
3 REFERENCE TO WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN TERMS OF UNDERSCORING THE
4 WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, HOUSING FOR HEALTH
5 DIVISION. WE TRIED TO LOOK AT A RANGE OF OTHER ISSUES HERE
6 THAT ARE RELEVANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE INCLUDE THE FAITH-BASED
7 ORGANIZATIONS TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THOSE RESOURCES. 47 IS
8 BEFORE YOU. IT CONSTITUTES THE CREATIVE THINKING, WE BELIEVE.
9 THEY ARE LARGELY REPORT-BACKS, BECAUSE OUR WORK IS HARDLY
10 DONE. THE QUESTION THAT WILL ULTIMATELY BE BEFORE US IS: IF WE
11 LOOK AT THIS MATTER IN TERMS OF ONE-TIME SPENDING, HOW DO WE
12 SUSTAIN THIS EFFORT? THIS IS NOT A SHORT-TIME PROPOSITION.
13 THIS IS NOT A ONE-TIME PROPOSITION. SO IT WILL BECOME THE
14 QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE PURSUE THIS ON A
15 SUSTAINABLE PATH. MORE TO COME IN THAT REGARD, MADAME CHAIR.
16 WE THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THIS MOMENT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THIS ITEM WE'LL TAKE UP
19 LATER. BUT FOR NOW, WE'LL GO ON AND HEAR FROM THE OTHER BOARD
20 MEMBERS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I FEEL VERY SORT
23 OF EMOTIONAL AND REALLY PROUD TODAY. I COULD SAY IT'S PROBABLY
24 THE BEST BIRTHDAY GIFT I COULD HAVE.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.

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3 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TO HAVE THIS EXTENSIVE PLAN PRESENTED TODAY
4 AND ADOPTED, HOPEFULLY, BY THE BOARD. I WANT TO ADD MY PRAISE
5 TO SACHI HAMAI. IT'S NOT PRO FORMA, NECESSARILY, FOR ALL OF US
6 TO SAY THE THANKS THAT WE ARE SAYING. THIS IS AN ENORMOUS
7 AMOUNT OF WORK. AND YOUR LEADERSHIP, SACHI, HAS MADE IT ALL
8 HAPPEN. WE CAN PROPOSE BUT YOU DISPOSE. THERE'S JUST NO
9 QUESTION. AND ALSO GOOD CHOICE OF PHIL ANSELL. PHIL ANSELL,
10 AGAIN, THERE'S A LOT OF SORT OF HIDDEN WORK THAT WENT INTO
11 THIS, MONTHS AND MONTHS AND MONTHS. WE'LL GET AN OPPORTUNITY
12 TO PRAISE YOU AND YOUR TEAM HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK ONE BY ONE,
13 NAME BY NAME. BUT THIS-- IT IS UNPRECEDENTED, AS PEOPLE HAVE
14 SAID, AND I'M THRILLED WITH IT. THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS. THIS
15 IS ALSO A FAIRLY NEW THING, I THINK. COUNTY, OUR CITIES, WHO
16 ONE BY ONE COMING UP AND SAYING: WE WILL JOIN WITH YOU. WE
17 DON'T WANT TO DO IT JUST DISPARATELY. I THINK THAT LEADERSHIP
18 AND THAT COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIP IS GOING TO MAKE A BIG
19 DIFFERENCE. THE SAME WITH OUR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS, FOR
20 PROFIT AND NONPROFIT, WHO ARE WITH US. THAT IS ALSO NEW AND
21 UNPRECEDENTED AND MAKES ME UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL BE EVEN
22 MORE SUCCESSFUL, I HOPE, THAN WE HOPE. I'D LIKE TO PRAISE THE
23 PERSON OR PERSONS WHO MADE THE VIDEO BY NAME IF WE CAN KNOW
24 THEIR NAMES, EITHER NOW OR LATER IF YOU KNOW IT, SACHI? I KNOW
25 YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS ANYBODY.

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2 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** I THINK THAT WE HAVE THE TWO INDIVIDUALS,
3 JOEL SAPEL [PH?] WHO IS SITTING BACK HERE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE
4 TO STAND UP. [APPLAUSE.] YEAH, THERE WAS A LOT OF PRESSURE ON
5 JOEL TO GET THIS COMPLETED AND HE CAME THROUGH. DAVID SUMMERS.
6 [APPLAUSE.] AND I THINK THEY HAD ONE OTHER INDIVIDUAL? LENNIE
7 LAGUIRE [PH?], IS SHE BACK IN THE ROOM? SHE'S BACK IN THE
8 OFFICE.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OF COURSE.

11

12 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE VIDEOGRAPHER, OF COURSE. JOHN
13 VANDERWICK? THOSE FOUR INDIVIDUALS.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT'S GOOD FOR US TO KNOW BECAUSE THAT WAS
16 REAL ARTISTRY. AND I THINK THAT WE'VE LEARNED THAT
17 UNDERSTANDING OFTEN COMES FROM SEEING AND KNOWING. AND THOUGH
18 WE CAN'T ALWAYS BE THERE, WE CAN, THROUGH VIDEOS LIKE THAT,
19 COME TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE VERY PEOPLE ABOUT WHOM WE CARE
20 AND WHOSE LIVES ARE GOING TO BE CHANGED. I WANT TO ALSO PRAISE
21 OUR DEPARTMENTS, EACH ONE OF THEM. I THINK SOME OF THE
22 DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE HERE. COULD I, MADAME CHAIR, ASK THEM TO
23 STAND AND JUST BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR PART?

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THEY'RE RIGHT IN FRONT.

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OR MAYBE THEY'RE ALL BACK AT WORK?

3 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE

4 SITTING AND WATCHING THIS, AS WELL. BECAUSE WITHOUT THE

5 DEPARTMENTS, YOU KNOW, WE CAN'T DO IT. WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

6 PEOPLE HAVE ASKED ME WHAT'S DIFFERENT? AND WHAT I HAVE JUST

7 SAID, I THINK, IS WHAT'S DIFFERENT. BUT I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO

8 HEAR FROM PEOPLE, SOMETIMES THE FOURTH ESTATE SAYS TO US: WELL

9 HOW SELF-CONGRATULATORY THAT WAS TODAY. EVERYBODY GOING GOOD

10 FOR US, PATTING OURSELVES ON THE BACK. LET ME SAY THIS IS NOT

11 SELF-CONGRATULATIONS. THIS IS A PROMISE. THESE 47 STRATEGIES

12 ARE A PROMISE BY THE COUNTY WITH OUR PARTNERS, THE CITIES. I

13 WANT TO MENTION ESPECIALLY THE CITY OF L.A. AND GREG SPIEGEL

14 WHO IS HERE FOR MAYOR GARCETTI. THANK HIM VERY MUCH FOR HIS

15 WORK AS HOMELESS COORDINATOR FOR THE MAYOR. MARQUEECE WAS HERE

16 WHOM WE MET, AND ALL OF THE CITIES. BUT IT'S A PROMISE THAT WE

17 WILL DEVOTE THE RESOURCES, THE TIME, THE ENERGY, THE HEART,

18 THE UNDERSTANDING AND NOT ONLY THAT BUT A LONG-TERM

19 COMMITMENT. AS PHIL INDICATED, WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH 12 OF THE

20 47 BY JUNE 30TH. THE OTHER 35, WE ARE DEMANDING A TIMELINE. WE

21 WANT TO SEE IT. WE WANT TO DO IT. THOUGH WE WILL BE HONORING

22 AND SAYING GOODBYE TO TWO OF OUR MEMBERS BY THE END OF THIS

23 YEAR, THREE OF US ARE GOING TO CONTINUE AND CARRY OUT MUCH OF

24 THIS. WHOMEVER COMES IN IN THE FOURTH AND THE FIFTH, WE'RE

25 GOING TO ASK THEM TO BE OUR PARTNERS AS WELL AS YOU HAVE BEEN

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1 GREAT PARTNERS IN ALL OF THIS. I'M PROUD. NOT YET PROUD OF
2 WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED BECAUSE, AS I SAID, IT'S A PROMISE.
3 BUT THE PLAN IS THE FIRST STEP. T.S. ELLIOTT SAID, "BETWEEN
4 THE IDEA AND THE ACTION FALLS THE SHADOW." THE JOB OF THE FIVE
5 OF US UP HERE AND EVERYONE WORKING WITH US IS TO MAKE CERTAIN
6 THAT WE PUNCH THROUGH THAT SHADOW AND GET TO THE ACTION. SO
7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR
8 KNABE?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
11 I, TOO, WANT TO ADD MY THANK YOUS TO SACHI AND TO PHIL AND THE
12 ENTIRE TEAM AND ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND ALSO TO OUR
13 SERVICE PROVIDERS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO DID SUCH A GREAT
14 JOB IN THIS. I REALLY WANT TO THANK-- YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT FUN
15 COMING DOWN TO THIS BOARDROOM ON A TUESDAY MORNING-- BUT TO
16 ALL THE PROVIDERS, TO OUR ELECTEDS THAT MADE THE EXTRA EFFORT
17 TO BE HERE TO BE PART OF THIS HISTORIC DAY, I WANT TO ALSO
18 EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT THANKS. THIS IS THE SECOND BIG PUSH THAT
19 THIS BOARD HAS MADE ON HOMELESSNESS WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS.
20 AND OBVIOUSLY WE'VE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL IN THE PAST DECADE
21 AND ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL, BUT WE STILL HAVE A LOT TO DO.
22 OUR COUNTY'S SAFETY NET HAS LITERALLY ASSISTED MILLIONS OF
23 PEOPLE AND FAMILIES AND KEEPING THEM OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. BUT
24 WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE'VE ALSO HOUSED THESE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
25 THROUGH EXPANSION MODELS AND OTHER THINGS. AND UNFORTUNATELY

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1 THE INCREASED NUMBERS OF HOMELESSNESS THAT WE'RE SEEING IS NOT
2 A REFLECTION ON THE INTENSE EFFORTS THAT GO ON EVERY DAY AND
3 NIGHT TO IDENTIFY AND TO HOUSE PEOPLE ON THE STREET. AND THE
4 LAST HOMELESS COUNT CLEARLY ILLUSTRATED THE FRUSTRATING
5 SITUATION THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN. DESPITE HOUSING MORE THAN
6 7,000 VETERANS IN A HISTORIC EFFORT, 4,000 HOMELESS VETERANS
7 REMAIN ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH MAKES IT
8 FRUSTRATING TO ALL OF US AND IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER
9 THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS THAT ARE ON OUR STREETS. BUT THIS ISSUE
10 IS A VERY INTENSELY COMPLEX ISSUE TO RESOLVE. I'M REMINDED OF
11 A SITUATION THAT TOOK PLACE RECENTLY IN MY DISTRICT. A CITY
12 COUNCILMAN EMAILED ME AND CALLED ME ABOUT A HOMELESS
13 ENCAMPMENT IN THE MIDDLE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD. WE SENT OUT
14 OUTREACH TEAMS FROM BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AS
15 WELL AS L.A.H.S.A. THEY WERE DEPLOYED AND THEY STARTED TO
16 ENGAGE THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND OFFER SERVICE. THREE OF
17 THE FOUR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THEY FOUND ACTUALLY ACCEPTED
18 SERVICES AND WERE WILLING TO GO INTO HOUSING. AS THE TEAM
19 STARTED TO MAKE THE PREPARATIONS FOR THESE FOLKS, ALL OF THEM
20 LEFT, JUST TOOK OFF. THEN THE TEAM CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND
21 FOUND TWO OF THE INDIVIDUALS A FEW BLOCKS AWAY. AND BY THAT
22 TIME, THEY DECLINED ASSISTANCE. ALL OF THIS OCCURRED, BY THE
23 WAY, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. AND I AM CERTAIN THAT THIS
24 SCENARIO UNFORTUNATELY PLAYS ITSELF OUT EVERY TIME AND TIME
25 AGAIN THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY AND MAKES US REALIZE HOW COMPLEX

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1 AND LABOR INTENSIVE AND HOW ONGOING OUR SERVICES, COORDINATED
2 SERVICES, ARE NEEDED. THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS REALLY
3 CHALLENGES OUR SAFETY NET AND OUR SYSTEMS OF CARE TO THE
4 ABSOLUTE LIMIT. SO WE NEED TO CONTINUE THIS EFFORT, AS
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL MENTIONED. I MEAN, THIS IS A PROMISE. THIS IS
6 SOMETHING THAT WE NOT-- AND AS MARK MENTIONED, TOO, THIS
7 CANNOT SURVIVE ON ONE-TIME DOLLARS. AND OUR SIGNIFICANT ISSUES
8 IN TRYING TO FIND LONG-TERM FUNDING THAT'S NECESSARY. 10 YEARS
9 AGO THIS COUNTY VERY PUBLICLY TOOK ON THIS CHALLENGE. TODAY
10 WE'RE TAKING AND EXPANDING THAT CHALLENGE, AS WELL, GRAPPLING
11 WITH IT EVER SINCE. AND I BELIEVE THESE NEW STRATEGIES, NEW
12 RENEWED COMMITMENT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE COORDINATED EFFORTS,
13 NOT ONLY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS BUT OUR CITIES. 10 YEARS AGO,
14 THERE WERE A LOT OF CITIES THAT DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT
15 THEY HAD HOMELESS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN BACK YARDS IN THEIR PARKS
16 AND ALONG THE WAY. AND SO IT'S A MAJOR EFFORT OF WORKING
17 TOGETHER TO REALIZE THAT THIS IS A TRUE REGIONAL CONCERN AND
18 PROBLEM AND ONE THAT DESERVES OUR FULL INTENTION. WE ALSO HAVE
19 A MOTION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I, ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND
20 AGAIN I THINK THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT'S MISUNDERSTOOD BY MANY AS
21 IT RELATES TO THIS WHOLE HOMELESS ISSUE AND THE FUNDING
22 SOURCES AS IT RELATES TO STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS. AND IT'S
23 VERY IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE THAT BECAUSE THAT ULTIMATELY STARTS
24 OUT AND WINDS UP, IN MANY CASES, IN THE HOMELESS ISSUES, AS
25 WELL, TOO. SO I BELIEVE THAT THESE PROGRAMS, BY AND LARGE, AS

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1 I SAID EARLIER, ARE NOT REALLY UNDERSTOOD VERY WELL BY THE
2 STATE AND THE FEDS, BUT THEY PROVIDE US AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO
3 BE PART OF THIS WHOLE REGIONAL SOLUTION THAT WE'RE TRYING TO
4 WORK ON AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH US
5 THESE VARIOUS AGENCIES. AND THERE'S A TON OF AGENCIES OUT
6 THERE THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS. SO MY HAT'S OFF TO MY
7 COLLEAGUES, SACHI, TO PHIL AND THE ENTIRE TEAM AND TO OUR
8 OTHER ELECTEDS OF ALL OF OUR 88 CITIES WHO HAVE MADE THIS A
9 PRIORITY IN WORKING TOGETHER. SO THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR
12 ANTONOVICH?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO COMPLIMENT THE STAFF, SACHI, PHIL
15 AND ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS. AND I AGREE WITH SHEILA'S COMMENTS
16 ABOUT THIS VIDEO. AND THAT SHOULD BE FEATURED ON THE COUNTY
17 VIDEO TELEVISION STATION SO THAT THE WIDER DISTRIBUTION OF
18 THAT WELL-DONE VIDEO. AS SUPERVISOR KNABE WAS SAYING AND AS
19 WE'VE SAID, EACH OF US INDEPENDENTLY ON THIS BOARD,
20 HOMELESSNESS IS A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE. YOU HAVE THOSE WHO ARE
21 MENTALLY ILL. YOU HAVE THE DRUG ADDICTS, THE ALCOHOLICS AND
22 THEN YOU HAVE THOSE WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY IMPACTED WITH THE
23 LOSS OF A HOME, LOSS OF A JOB, LOSS OF A PLACE IN SOCIETY
24 SEARCHING FOR HOMES. AS A DIRECTOR OF THE M.T.A., I INITIATED
25 A WHILE BACK THE PROGRAM WHERE THE BUS DRIVERS REPORT THE

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1 HOMELESS THAT ARE ON THE BUS BENCHES. AND WE SENT OUT P.E.T.
2 TEAMS ALL NIGHT 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK, 24 HOURS A DAY. AND
3 OVER 90 PLUS PERCENT REFUSED TREATMENT, REFUSED SHELTER,
4 REFUSED ASSISTANCE. AND THIS IS WHEN IT IS RAINING. THIS IS
5 WHEN IT IS HOT AS HADES. THEY JUST WALK AWAY. WE HAVE A
6 GENTLEMAN THAT SITS IN FRONT OF THE D.A.S.H. BUS BENCH IN
7 FRONT OF NATE'S LOT, LOT 22. WE HAVE SENT OUT THE P.E.T. TEAM
8 TO THAT GENTLEMAN TIME AFTER TIME AFTER TIME, BUT HE PREFERS
9 STAYING ON THAT BENCH. WE HAD THE OTHER GENTLEMAN THAT WAS
10 KIND OF A LITTLE MINI DISROBED AND LIE ON THE GRASS IN FRONT
11 OF NATE'S LOT THERE. AND, AGAIN, REFUSED TREATMENT WHEN THE
12 P.E.T. TEAM WOULD COME OUT TO PROVIDE SHELTER AND ASSISTANCE.
13 SO WE HAVE THOSE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. AND IT'S
14 GOING TO TAKE STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO HELP RESOLVE
15 MANY OF THESE ISSUES. AND WE CAN'T DO IT ALL ALONE. BUT THIS
16 IS A STEP OF WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO DO, WE ARE GOING TO BE
17 WORKING TOGETHER AS A UNITED BOARD. DOES THIS PLAN-- PHIL,
18 WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO MEASURE OUTCOMES AND SUCCESS? AND HOW
19 ARE YOU GOING TO MEASURE YOUR SUCCESS WITH THESE PROPOSALS?

20

21 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, EACH OF THE 47 RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES
22 HAS IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL PERFORMANCE METRICS. AND AS WE MOVE
23 FORWARD INTO IMPLEMENTATION, WE WILL BE FINALIZING THE
24 PERFORMANCE METRICS FOR EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL STRATEGIES.
25 HOWEVER, PLAN-WIDE BASIS, WE WILL HAVE METRICS, INCLUDING THE

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1 NUMBER OF HOMELESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WE ASSIST IN
2 MOVING INTO PERMANENT HOUSING AND THE NUMBER THAT WE ASSIST IN
3 AVOIDING HOMELESSNESS. AS SACHI MENTIONED. WE PROJECT THAT THE
4 PHASE ONE STRATEGIES WILL ENABLE 3500 HOMELESS PERSONS TO EXIT
5 HOMELESSNESS AND 2,000 PEOPLE TO AVOID HOMELESSNESS BETWEEN
6 NOW AND THE END OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY
9 FOLLOWS THE TREATMENT?

10

11 **PHIL ANSELL:** WE'RE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE THREE
12 DEPARTMENTS THAT COMPRISE THE HEALTH AGENCY. AND FORTUNATELY
13 WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, ALMOST ALL
14 HOMELESS ADULTS ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR FULL- SCALE MEDI-CAL, AS
15 WELL WHICH INCLUDES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE USE
16 DISORDER TREATMENT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE COST OF PHASE ONE, THE SHORT-TERM PLAN
19 COSTS, HOW IS THAT GOING TO BE FUNDED?

20

21 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, OF THE \$100 MILLION IN ONE-TIME
22 FUNDING, OVER \$90 MILLION IS FOR THE STRATEGIES THAT ARE
23 IDENTIFIED AS PHASE ONE, THOUGH NOT ALL OF THAT FUNDING WILL
24 BE EXPENDED BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF FISCAL YEAR '16/'17.
25 AND AS I NOTED EARLIER, THAT FUNDING CONSISTS OF A COMBINATION

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1 OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND DOLLARS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED BY THE
2 BOARD FOR THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND A RANGE OF DEPARTMENTAL
3 FUNDING, PRIMARILY JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING THROUGH A.B.109 AND
4 S.B.678.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME FOR THAT?

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8 **PHIL ANSELL:** THE TIMEFRAME IS TO IMPLEMENT ALL OF THE PHASE
9 ONE STRATEGIES BY THE END OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. BY THE
10 WORD IMPLEMENT, WE MEAN THAT BY JUNE 30 OF THIS YEAR, WE WILL
11 ACTUALLY MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE GROUND IN ASSISTING HOMELESS
12 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE LONG TERM?

15

16 **PHIL ANSELL:** WE'LL BE COMING BACK TO THE BOARD WITH OUR FIRST
17 QUARTERLY REPORT IN MAY OF THIS YEAR. AND AT THAT TIME WE WILL
18 IDENTIFY THE IMPLEMENTATION TARGET DATE FOR THE REMAINING
19 THREE QUARTERS OF THE STRATEGIES. BUT AT THIS POINT, WE
20 PROJECT THAT SOME OF THEM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE SAME
21 TIMEFRAME AS THE PHASE ONE STRATEGIES. SOME IMPLEMENTED BEFORE
22 THE END OF THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR. AND A PORTION WILL SPILL
23 OVER INTO CALENDAR YEAR 2017.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT ARE THE LONG-TERM FINANCING
2 OPPORTUNITIES?

3

4 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, THAT IS THE BIG OUTSTANDING QUESTION
5 HERE. AS WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE RESEARCH REPORT THAT WAS
6 PREPARED BY MAX STEVENS WITHIN THE C.R. RESEARCH OPERATION,
7 CERTAINLY POINTS TO SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO POTENTIALLY REDIRECT
8 DOLLARS THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING EXPENDED, BUT WE SHOULD BE
9 UNDER NO ILLUSION, THAT WILL NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES
10 TO COMBAT THIS PROBLEM EFFECTIVELY AND SUSTAIN THESE
11 STRATEGIES ON A LONG-TERM BASIS. AND THEREFORE THE C.E.O. WILL
12 BE WORKING WITH THE BOARD TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL ONGOING REVENUE
13 OPTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK PHIL ANSELL FOR
16 THE GOOD JOB HE HAS DONE. I KNOW HE DEDICATED HIS WHOLE CAREER
17 STARTING AS A COLLEGE STUDENT, RIGHT?

18

19 **PHIL ANSELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST AS IT RELATES TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
24 MOTION AND THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I
25 SUPPORT THAT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK. MY

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1 CONCERN-- AND IT'S BEING ADDRESSED WITH YOUR FRIENDLY
2 AMENDMENT-- WAS THE NEEDS-BASED APPROACH BY S.P.A., WHICH
3 COULD HAVE SOME SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE AREAS THAT
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I REPRESENT. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE SAN
5 GABRIEL VALLEY DOESN'T HAVE A BENEFIT OF A SINGLE COORDINATING
6 ENTITY LIKE WE HAVE GATEWAY C.O.G. AND SOUTH BAY C.O.G. SO WE
7 HAVE A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS OUT THERE. AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE
8 THAT. BUT THAT WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM WITHOUT THE HOUSING AND
9 PROFESSIONAL HELP. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VALID POINT.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AS TO THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AS WELL AS THE
16 MOTIONS CONTAINED IN ITEM NO. 8 AND NO. 9, IN THE FRIENDLY
17 AMENDMENT, I'M VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT THEY WERE ACCEPTED AND
18 SUPPORTED BECAUSE NOT ONLY AS YOU INDICATED, SUPERVISOR KNABE,
19 BUT THERE ARE A FEW POPULATIONS LIKE TRANSITION AGE YOUTH, THE
20 WORK THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO IN THE JAILS, OUR FOSTER CHILDREN
21 WHERE IT MAY OR MAY NOT MAKE SENSE TO DIVIDE BY THE HOMELESS
22 COUNT IN THE 8 S.P.A.S. SO THAT'S WHY I THINK WE WANTED A
23 REPORT BACK WITH SOME THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WOULD BE GAINED AND
24 WHAT WOULD BE LOST. I DO SUPPORT, THOUGH, USING THE HOMELESS
25 COUNT FOR A LOT OF WAYS OF FIGURING IT OUT SINCE NOW WHAT WE

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1 KNOW IS HOMELESS ARE EVERYWHERE. AND WE WANT TO TARGET THE
2 MONEY KIND OF WHERE THEY ARE. AS TO ITEMS NO. 8 AND 9,
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I HAVE PROPOSED THE MOTION ABOUT, AS HE
4 INDICATED, THE SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BECAUSE THEY ARE
5 A SPECIAL KIND OF HOMELESS POPULATION NOT CALLED OUT IN THE
6 REPORT AND ONE THAT WE WANT TO REALLY PAY ATTENTION TO BECAUSE
7 WITH RAPID REHOUSING, OFTEN WE HAVE SECURITY ISSUES, JUST TO
8 PAY ATTENTION. SO VERY GRATEFUL FOR SUPPORT OF THAT MOTION.
9 AND THEN IN ADDITION, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I ARE CO-
10 SPONSORING ITEM NO. 9, WHICH RELATES TO OUR PUTTING A LOT OF
11 ENERGY INTO DRAWING DOWN AS MANY MEDI-CAL DOLLARS AS WE CAN
12 FOR SOME OF THESE ITEMS IN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE BECAUSE I
13 THINK WE'VE TENDED TO LEAVE SOME MONEY ON THE TABLE. AND
14 THAT'S TRUE OF OTHER KINDS OF FEDERAL MONIES. I JUST GOT A
15 NOTICE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS INDICATED HE'D LIKE TO PUT \$11
16 BILLION IN THE NEW BUDGET TOWARD HOMELESSNESS. AND I SAY LET'S
17 GRAB EVERY ONE WE CAN FOR L.A. COUNTY.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET'S HEAD TO WASHINGTON RIGHT NOW AND GET
20 IT RIGHT NOW.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHEN WE GO WASHINGTON, IT IS A GOOD
23 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SAY , "AND WE REALLY MEAN IT." SO THANK
24 YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 8, I HAVE ALSO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT WE'D
4 ALSO HAVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL EXPLORE, INCREASING DIVORCE
5 FILING FEES.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ACCEPTED AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. I THINK
8 COUNTY COUNSEL MAY ADVISE US THAT THAT WOULD BE SOME NEED FOR
9 LEGISLATION? BUT I THINK TO EXPLORE THAT, AS WELL, JUST TO
10 EXPLAIN IN THE OLD DAYS AND CURRENTLY, WE ADD A LITTLE MONEY
11 TO THE COST OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN ORDER TO FUND THE
12 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS. WE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS A GREAT
13 JOKE ON EVERYBODY BUT FINALLY GOT IT THROUGH AFTER QUITE A BIT
14 OF TRYING IN SACRAMENTO. SO I THINK THE MORE THE MERRIER.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. I'M
19 PREPARED TO EMBRACE THE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED, BOTH
20 7, 8, 47-A. SUPERVISOR KNABE MAKES THE POINT OF THE EFFORT
21 THAT HAS BEEN MADE OVER THE LAST DECADE IN THIS REGARD. ONE
22 EXAMPLE WOULD BE TO SAY TODAY WE ARE ESSENTIALLY REAFFIRMING,
23 CALL IT THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE CONCERN TO ADDRESS THOSE
24 AREAS THEY MAYBE CONSIDERED HOT SPOTS OR PARTICULARLY BURDENED
25 WITH THE CHALLENGE OF IMPOVERISHMENT AS IT MANIFESTS ITSELF IN

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1 TERMS OF HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES, IN GLENDALE, IN
2 PASADENA, IN LONG BEACH, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, ACROSS THE
3 LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE COUNTY. AND THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT
4 WE ARE SEEKING TO DO. AND YOU'LL FIND THAT EXPRESSED IN THE
5 REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS. BUT THE ISSUE OF GEOGRAPHIC-BASED
6 PURSUITS THAT GO TO THE ISSUE OF NEED QUITE EXPLICITLY IS
7 BEING MADE MORE CLEAR AND ESSENTIALLY REAFFIRMING WHAT WE
8 ADOPTED IN JUNE OF 2013. AND THEN I THINK IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT
9 TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS BOARD HAS PUT A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON
10 MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS. WE DID THAT IN JUNE OF 2015, JUST NOT
11 QUITE A YEAR AGO. AND OUR WORK FOLLOWED IN OCTOBER AROUND THE
12 ISSUE OF RAPID REHOUSING. THOSE VOTES WERE UNANIMOUS. AGAIN,
13 WE REAFFIRM THE EFFICACY OF SUCH APPROACHES. AND TO THE EXTENT
14 THAT THAT IS THE CASE, WE UNDERSTAND WHEREVER THE NEED IS
15 WHERE IT'S EXPRESSING ITSELF, IT'S PROPORTIONATELY AND
16 PROFOUNDLY, THAT'S WHERE WE SHOULD FIND OURSELVES AND I THINK,
17 MADAME CHAIR, A LOT HAS BEEN SAID OF THESE RESPECTIVE MOTIONS
18 TAKE US WAY DOWN THE ROAD. THE PLAN IS WORTHY OF OUR UNANIMOUS
19 SUPPORT AND I MOVE AS AMENDED.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. BEFORE
22 WE TAKE A VOTE, THOUGH, WE HAVE A LONG LIST OF SPEAKERS. WE
23 HAVE 78 SPEAKERS. SO I WISH THAT YOU'LL INDULGE US. BUT WE'D
24 LIKE TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM. YOU COLLECTIVELY HAVE
25 BEEN ALL PUT TOGETHER, P-1, 8, 9 AND 47-A. AND THIS HAS BEEN

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1 SET ASIDE SO THAT YOU CAN ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AT ONE TIME. I
2 WOULD ASK THAT OUR SPEAKERS BE GIVEN 90 SECONDS TO BE FAIR.
3 AND I WOULD JUST ASK THE AUDIENCE, IF SOMEBODY HAS ALREADY
4 EXPLAINED OR DISCUSSED AN ITEM THAT YOU FEEL EXPRESSES YOUR
5 INTENT, YOU MAY WANT TO JUST SAY THAT AND THAT WAY WE CAN KIND
6 OF MOVE THROUGH THIS QUICKLY, OTHERWISE WE WILL BE HERE FOR
7 SEVERAL HOURS. I KNOW THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, SO WE WANT
8 TO TAKE EVERYTHING INTO CONSIDERATION AND VERY SERIOUSLY. AND
9 IF THERE ARE ANY MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE THAT WOULD LIKE TO
10 JUST STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED, WE CAN DO THAT, AS WELL. THAT
11 WILL CUT DOWN ON SOME TIME. JUST TO SAY THAT YOU ARE IN FAVOR
12 OF THESE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THEN.
13 I'LL CALL OUT SOME NAMES AND WE'LL HAVE PEOPLE LINE UP. WE
14 HAVE BOB ARCHULETA, MAYOR PRO TEM PICO RIVERA. OWN NEWCOMER,
15 CITY OF WHITTIER. JOSE LUIS SOLACHE, FROM CITY OF LYNWOOD. AND
16 ZAREH SINANYAN, COUNCILMEMBER FROM CITY OF GLENDALE. VIVIAN
17 ROMERO. PAULA LANTZ. WE'LL START WITH YOU. JUST GO RIGHT AHEAD
18 AND WE'RE GOING TO RUSH THROUGH THIS.

19

20 **OWEN NEWCOMER:** WELL, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS OWEN NEWCOMER
21 AND I'M HERE WITH THREE HATS ON TO THANK YOU FOR THIS
22 INITIATIVE. IT IS EXCITING AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING
23 GOOD PARTNERS. MY FIRST HAT, 15-YEAR MEMBER OF THE WHITTIER
24 CITY COUNCIL. AND WE HAVE BEEN INCREASING OUR EFFORTS IN THIS
25 CAUSE AND LOOK FORWARD TO BEING A PARTNER WITH YOU IN THIS NEW

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1 EFFORT. I'M ALSO A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL
2 OF GOVERNMENTS AND CHAIR OF THEIR HOMELESS COMMITTEE EFFORTS.
3 WE'RE PROUD OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING AND WE'RE EXCITED WITH
4 THE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO MORE AND TO BE A PARTNER ON THIS. AND,
5 FINALLY, I AM THE LONGEST SERVING COMMISSIONER ON THE L.A.
6 HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY. AND OBVIOUSLY EXCITED TO DO MORE,
7 EXCITED TO BE A PARTNER. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS INITIATIVE. WE
8 LOOK FORWARD TO MANY, MANY GOOD YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP, HELPING
9 THOSE INDIVIDUALS FACING HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BOB?

12

13 **BOB ARCHULETA** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M BOB
14 **ARCHULETA.** AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAD THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO, THE
15 CITY OF WHITTIER, THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, PARTNERS, ALL
16 BEHIND THIS INITIATIVE, THANKING YOU YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE
17 DOING. I'M HOPING THAT ALL OF US HERE REALIZE THAT WHAT
18 HAPPENS IN CALIFORNIA HAPPENS ACROSS THE NATION. WHAT HAPPENS
19 IN L.A. COUNTY IS GOING TO JUST GO ACROSS THIS NATION BECAUSE
20 THE HOMELESS, WE'VE GOT VETERANS, AND I AM A COMBAT VETERAN
21 MYSELF. AND WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF OUR VETERANS. WE'VE GOT TO
22 THINK OF THE HOMELESSNESS THAT IS THERE. THE ISSUE FOR THE
23 VETERANS. BUT EVERY SINGLE DAY, THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY, 88
24 CITIES, IT IS SPREADING. WE'VE GOT TO STOP IT. THIS INITIATIVE
25 WILL DO SOMETHING. IT'S THE RIGHT ACTION, THE RIGHT THING TO

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1 DO. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR DOING
2 THIS AND EVERYONE IN L.A. COUNTY. LET'S WORK TOGETHER. LET'S
3 CLEAN THIS UP AND LET'S MAKE CALIFORNIA THE NUMBER 1 STATE
4 THAT STOPS HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

5

6 >>SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

7

8 VIVIAN ROMERO: I AM MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO
9 AND I WANT TO ADD MY PRAISE AND MY GRATITUDE TO THE COUNTY AND
10 ALL OF THE PARTNERS FOR THEIR COLLABORATIVE WORK ON THIS
11 COMPREHENSIVE INITIATIVE. THE POINT THAT I'D LIKE TO EMPHASIZE
12 IS THAT IF ALL THE INDEPENDENT CITIES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS
13 FUNDING PLAN, THEN WHAT WILL OCCUR IS THAT THE HOMELESS
14 POPULATION WILL GET REDISTRIBUTED INTO THE LOCAL
15 MUNICIPALITIES WHO ARE THE LEAST CAPABLE AND THE LEAST
16 PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. THE RESOURCES
17 FOR THIS ISSUE ARE LOCATED AT THE STATE AND COUNTY LEVEL, AND
18 WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE INDEPENDENT CITIES ARE TARGETED AND
19 REPRESENTED IN THIS PLAN AND THAT MONEY AND RESOURCES WILL BE
20 SET ASIDE FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND ADDITIONAL
21 MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS WHO ARE ON THE FRONTLINES. THE
22 COMPELLING VIDEO WE SAW TODAY MAKES IT CLEAR THAT MANY
23 INDIVIDUALS ARE SIMPLY ONE UNPLANNED CATASTROPHE, ONE DOMESTIC
24 VIOLENCE INCIDENT AND ONE MAJOR ILLNESS AWAY FROM BEING
25 HOMELESS. THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD GO I. ONCE AGAIN, I

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1 APPLAUD YOU. I SUPPORT YOU. AND WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL FOR
2 YOUR THOUGHTFUL WORK. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING. NEXT?

5

6 **PAULA LANTZ:** HI, I'M PAULA LANTZ, VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
7 POMONA AND ALSO VERY PROUD TO BE HERE SPEAKING BEFORE YOU AND
8 REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK THAT'S GONE INTO THIS
9 MULTIDIMENSIONAL APPROACH TO HOMELESSNESS. THE CITY OF POMONA
10 ACTUALLY HOUSES WELL OVER A THOUSAND BEDS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE
11 AS WE SPEAK. WE STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO
12 WITH OUR OWN CONTINUUM OF CARE COALITION. AND ONE OF THE
13 THINGS THAT THE HOMELESS COUNT LAST YEAR POINTED OUT TO US IS
14 THAT WE HAVE ALMOST, WELL PROBABLY MORE THAN A THOUSAND
15 HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF THAT COUNT, BUT ALMOST HALF OF THOSE
16 ARE ACTUALLY FROM OTHER CITIES. SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE WOULD
17 HOPE IN THE COORDINATION THAT HAS BEEN A PART OF THIS PLAN IS
18 THE ABILITY FOR CITIES TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN AND
19 PARTICIPATE TOGETHER RATHER THAN HAVING THE LARGER CITIES BEAR
20 THE BURDEN. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE GONE
21 INTO THE CITIES COOPERATING WITH THE COUNTY AND THE AMAZING
22 COUNTY AND CITY OF LOS ANGELES WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER
23 88 CITIES. AND WE APPRECIATE AND SUPPORT EVERY EFFORT THAT
24 YOU'RE MAKING. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP
2 CHRISTIAN HORVATH, COUNCILMEMBER REDONDO BEACH, VIET HONG,
3 CITY OF TORRANCE, GREG SPIEGEL, HOMELESS DIRECTOR, MAYOR ERIC
4 GARCETTI. YVETTE SAMIBLIAN [PH?] CITY OF GLENDALE HOMELESS
5 COORDINATOR AND SUSAN PRICE, CITY OF LONG BEACH, DEPARTMENT OF
6 HEALTH. DON'T FORGET TO STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR CITY.

7

8 **CHRISTIAN HORVATH:** GOOD MORNING. HONORABLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN HORVATH AND I AM A
10 COUNCILMAN IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH. I AM HERE
11 REPRESENTING THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. AS
12 YOU KNOW, THE SOUTH BAY C.O.G. IS COMPRISED OF THE 15 CITIES
13 OF THE SOUTH BAY AND INCLUDING UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS AND
14 HARBOR AREA OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. RECOGNIZING THE
15 INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS IN THE REGION AND THE NEED FOR
16 GREATER FOCUS AND COORDINATION IN ADDRESSING IT, THE SOUTH BAY
17 C.O.G. WILL SOON BE IMPLEMENTING A NEW PROGRAM TO ADDRESS
18 HOMELESSNESS WHICH WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH COUNTY FUNDING.
19 WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR ITS SUPPORT WITH SPECIAL
20 THANKS TO SUPERVISORS KNABE AND RIDLEY- THOMAS FOR MEETING
21 THIS EFFORT. THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, ALONG WITH THE SOUTH
22 BAY C.O.G. IS WORKING TOGETHER WITH SERVICE PROVIDER P.A.T.H.,
23 PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS. THE PROGRAM WILL FOCUS ON
24 TARGETING HOT SPOTS, IDENTIFYING AND HOUSING PEOPLE
25 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND CONNECTING THEM WITH VITAL

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1 SERVICES AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AS THE BOARD
2 CONSIDERS THE RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES TODAY, KNOW THAT THE
3 SOUTH BAY REGION STANDS READY TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE
4 COUNTY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN THE REGIONAL
5 SUMMIT TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS AND LEARNING MORE HOW CITIES CAN
6 COLLABORATE IN THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE. THE SOUTH BAY C.O.G.
7 RECOMMENDS AND COMMENDS AND THANKS THE BOARD FOR ITS
8 UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENT AND COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING THE
9 COMPLEX ISSUES THAT PERVADES OUR COMMUNITIES AND DESERVES OUR
10 BEST COORDINATED EFFORTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13
14 **GREG SPIEGEL:** HELLO, I'M GREG SPIEGEL, MAYOR GARCETTI'S
15 HOMELESS POLICIES DIRECTOR AND I'M HONORED HERE TODAY TO
16 REPRESENT MAYOR GARCETTI, TO SHARE HIS CONGRATULATIONS AND
17 THANKS TO THE BOARD FOR ITS BOLD AND VISIONARY LEADERSHIP IN
18 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. AND ON BEHALF OF MAYOR GARCETTI, I
19 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOUR TREMENDOUS STAFF THAT I'VE
20 HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH, WHOSE TALENT, DETERMINATION
21 AND PATIENCE CONTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY'S GROUNDBREAKING
22 REPORT. SPECIFICALLY SACHI HAMAI'S TEAM LED BY THE
23 EXTRAORDINARY PHIL ANSELL BUT ALSO LESLIE BLOTCHER, MICHAEL
24 CASTILLO, LETICIA COLCHADO, ASHLEY OH AND GERARDO RAMIREZ,
25 D.M.H.'S MARIA FUNK, H.A.C.O.L.A.'S EMILIA SALAS, THE

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1 INNOVATIVE AND WHATEVER IT TAKES OF D.H.S.'S HOUSING FOR
2 HEALTH TEAM INCLUDING MARK TRACH, SHERI TATEROV AND LIBBY
3 BOYCE WHO HAS DONE SO MUCH OVER THE YEARS TO HELP GET US TO
4 THIS POINT, BUT ALSO THE BOARD'S TREMENDOUS STAFFERS WHO HAVE
5 REPEATEDLY REACHED OUT TO THE CITY IN THE SPIRIT OF
6 COLLABORATION. FRED LEITH, JAMES BLUNT, NICKY POLITO, DAKSHIKA
7 WICK-RAMA, MOLLY REISMAN, AND FINALLY, TO THE FIVE BOARD
8 MEMBERS WHO GOT US HERE TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THAT. NEXT
11 SPEAKER.

12

13 **SUSAN PRICE:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS SUSAN PRICE AND I
14 REPRESENT THE CITY OF LONG BEACH HOMELESS SERVICES DIVISION
15 WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AS ONE OF FOUR INDEPENDENT
16 CONTINUUM OF CARE JURISDICTIONS THAT RECEIVE FEDERAL H.U.D.
17 DOLLARS TO IMPLEMENT COORDINATED SYSTEM OF CARE TO PREVENT AND
18 END HOMELESSNESS, I AM QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THE CHALLENGES AND
19 OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE PRESENTED FOR THIS INITIATIVE'S
20 SUCCESS. THE SERVICE DEMANDS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
21 CROSS ALL FUNDING BOUNDARIES AND ALL FOUR C.O.C.S HAVE PLAYED
22 A KEY ROLE THEY RESPONDING TO THESE NEEDS OVER TIME. THIS IS
23 WHY A TRULY EFFECTIVE REGIONAL APPROACH IS SUCH A KEY PRIORITY
24 FOR THIS ITEM TODAY. I AM WELCOME TO BE HERE TO SUPPORT THIS
25 ITEM. I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY INCREDIBLE FOR THE

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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO COME TOGETHER ON SUCH A CRITICAL NEED
2 OF OUR COMMUNITIES. HOMELESSNESS IS A REGIONAL ISSUE, AND
3 THERE IS NO WAY TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY WITHOUT A HOME. AND
4 THIS PLAN TRULY OUTLINES REGIONAL RESPONSE THAT MUST INCLUDE
5 THE FULL COLLABORATION OF THE 88 CITIES, INCLUSION OF ALL FOUR
6 C.O.C.S THAT HAVE THE EXPERTISE AND THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO
7 IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICES ACROSS OUR COUNTY. ONE GREAT EXAMPLE
8 I WANT TO MENTION IS THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
9 WHERE 28 CITIES HAVE COME TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN THEIR STREET
10 OUTREACH RESPONSE AND CONNECTION TO HOUSING. THIS INITIATIVE
11 HAS BEEN WITH A RELATIVELY MODEST ALLOCATION BEEN ABLE TO HAVE
12 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE REGIONAL C.O.G. HOMELESS RESPONSE
13 EFFORTS. IN THE PLAN PRESENTED TODAY WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION
14 OF 47 STRATEGIES TO REACH 6 OVERARCHING GOALS, IT IS THE
15 INFRASTRUCTURE OF ALL SECTORS OF L.A. COUNTY THAT WILL GET US
16 THERE. I WANT TO JUST MAKE-- I'M OUT OF TIME BUT I WANT TO
17 MAKE ONE COMMENT ABOUT SOMETHING THAT I THINK WILL REALLY HELP
18 THIS INITIATIVE AND THAT IS THE DATA COORDINATION ACROSS THE
19 COUNTY. LONG BEACH HAS ACHIEVED GREAT SUCCESS WITH ITS
20 HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM. AND I HOPE THAT THE
21 COUNTY WILL TAKE A LOOK AT HOW WE CAN BETTER COORDINATE ACROSS
22 CONTINUUM OF CARE JURISDICTIONS WITH OUR DATA SHARING SYSTEMS.
23 AND I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT ONE THING THAT I DIDN'T FIND
24 IN THE REPORT IS WE REALLY NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE COUNTY
25 CONSERVATOR DEPARTMENT AND HOW WE HAVE GREAT NEEDS OF GRAVELY

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1 DISABLED HOMELESS POPULATIONS THAT ARE ON A WAIT LIST FOR THE
2 CONSERVATOR SYSTEM. AND WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THAT AS A
3 KEY COMPONENT IN THIS INITIATIVE.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE
6 WHATEVER COMMENTS YOU HAVE, WE CAN PASS ALONG TO THE STAFF.
7 THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **YVETTE SAMBALIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YVETTE SAMBALIAN.
10 I REPRESENT THE CITY OF GLENDALE. I'M THE HOMELESS COORDINATOR
11 FOR THE CITY. THE CITY OF GLENDALE IS ALSO ITS OWN CONTINUUM
12 OF CARE AND HAS A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES FROM STREET OUTREACH
13 TO EMERGENCY SHELTERS, INCLUDING WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM. HAS
14 BEEN HOSTING THAT FOR MANY YEARS. IN ADDITION TO NOW FOCUSING
15 ON HOUSING FIRST, CITY OF GLENDALE ALSO CONDUCTS OUR ANNUAL
16 HOMELESS COUNT AND WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AND COORDINATE
17 WITH THE COUNTY AND CITIES OF LOS ANGELES WITH THE
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE STRATEGIES. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
19 LEADERSHIP IN THIS PROCESS AND WE ARE TOGETHER TO END
20 HOMELESSNESS ONE PERSON AT A TIME.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'LL CALL UP THE NEXT
23 PANEL OF SPEAKERS. CLAYTON ANDERSON, SERVICE MANAGER, CITY OF
24 SAN GABRIEL. CINDER ELLER KIMBALL, INGLEWOOD P.D. DAVID

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1 GALAVIZ, HOMELESS HEALTHCARE LOS ANGELES. KATIE HILL, SOUTHERN
2 CALIFORNIA GRANT MAKERS.

3

4 **CINDER ELLER KIMBALL:** GOOD MORNING. I'M CINDER ELLER KIMBALL
5 WITH THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD. I WASN'T PREPARED TO SPEAK, BUT
6 GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. AS I SAID MY NAME IS CINDER ELLER KIMBALL. I'M
8 HERE TODAY REPRESENTING THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD. I PERSONALLY AM
9 ATTACHED TO THIS HOMELESS EPIDEMIC, IT'S HUGE. IN THE CITY OF
10 INGLEWOOD OVER 200 HOMELESS IN THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD ALONE.
11 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, FAMILY, CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
12 I PERSONALLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOUSE A HOMELESS THAT HAD
13 BEEN ON OUR STREET FOR OVER 18 YEARS, SITTING ON THE CORNER OF
14 PRAIRIE AND CENTURY. IT'S A GENTLEMAN THAT SAT THERE. HE
15 DIDN'T SPEAK TO ANYONE. HE DIDN'T ASK FOR ANY MONEY. HE DIDN'T
16 PANHANDLE. HE JUST SAT THERE AND PEOPLE WERE ALWAYS INTRIGUED
17 BECAUSE HE WAS VERY PUT TOGETHER. WELL PUT TOGETHER. VERY
18 NEAT. HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING, NO TRASH OR ANYTHING. HIS BAGS
19 WERE WELL KEPT. SO HE WOULDN'T TALK TO ANYONE. AND ALL THE
20 OFFICERS IN THE CITY WOULD TRY THEIR BEST TO GET HIM OFF THE
21 STREET BECAUSE THE NEW RENOVATION THAT'S GOING ON IN THE AREA
22 WITH THE CASINO AND WITH OUR STADIUM. SO EVENTUALLY I KEPT
23 GOING BY AND I TRIED MY BEST TO TALK TO HIM BUT HE WOULDN'T
24 EVEN LOOK AT ME. SO FINALLY I BROKE HIM DOWN BASICALLY AND GOT
25 TO SPEAK TO HIM AND FOUND OUT THAT HE'S A VETERAN. FOUND OUT

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1 HE HAD BEEN A VETERAN, HONORABLY DISCHARGED. HE HAD NEVER
2 RECEIVED ANY SERVICES FROM THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION. NO
3 MONEY. NO MEDICAL. NO NOTHING. THIS GENTLEMAN, THEY LOVED.
4 WHEN HE CAME IN-- I'M SORRY, MY TIME EXPIRED-- WHEN HE CAME
5 IN, NOW HE'S HOUSED. HE WORKS FOR THE V.A. AND HE'S GIVING
6 BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ARE GREAT STORIES. THANK YOU.
9 NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **DAVID GALAVIZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS DAVID
12 GALAVIZ, REPRESENTING U.S.C. AS ONE OF THE LARGEST
13 INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTY, WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE
14 EDUCATION, RESEARCH, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH
15 THAT IS GENERATED BY OUR CAMPUSES IN SOUTH L.A. AND THE EAST
16 SIDE AND PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNTY U.S.C. THE IMPACT OF
17 HOMELESSNESS IS SUCH A HUGE EFFECT ON OUR CAMPUS AND OUR
18 COMMUNITY THAT RECENTLY OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP ADOPTED AN AN
19 INITIATIVE IN HOMELESSNESS IN WHICH WE WILL BEGIN THE INTERNAL
20 PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING FACULTY RESEARCHERS, AND OTHER
21 UNIVERSITY-LED EFFORTS TO WORK ON THIS ISSUE. IN SHORT, WE
22 HAVE A NUMBER OF EXPERT FACULTY RESEARCHERS AND WE WANT TO
23 FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN INTEGRATE THE WORK THAT WE'RE GOING TO
24 DO WITH THE WORK THE COUNTY IS DOING. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO DO
25 THE SAME THING WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. FINALLY, WE

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1 APPLAUD YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL AND STRATEGIC SKILLS IN DEVELOPING
2 THIS PLAN AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES WITH
3 YOU. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS?

6

7 **KATIE HILL:** HI, I'M KATIE HILL, ACTUALLY WITH P.A.T.H., NOT
8 THE GRANT MAKERS, UNLESS I GOT A NEW JOB I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT.
9 [LAUGHTER.] BUT PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS. WE HAVE BEEN
10 PART OF THE HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY FOR MORE
11 THAN THREE DECADES. WE OPERATE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AS WELL
12 AS LOCATIONS IN EVERY ONE OF YOUR DISTRICTS. AND OVER THE PAST
13 THREE YEARS WE'VE HOUSED OVER 4,000 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE
14 ARE HUGE APPRECIATIVE OF THE COUNTY'S SOLICITING AND TRULY
15 INCORPORATING FEEDBACK FROM THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY LIKE OURS.
16 THE COORDINATION WITH L.A. CITY AND THE FRAMEWORK ESTABLISHED
17 FOR THE OTHER 87 CITIES WILL ALLOW THIS TO SUCCEED AS A TRUE
18 REGIONAL APPROACH TO SOLVING HOMELESSNESS. WE URGE YOU ALL TO
19 PASS THE PLAN, BUT WE MUST EMPHASIZE THAT IT CAN ONLY SUCCEED
20 IF IT IS VIEWED AS A LONG TERM COMMITMENT, BECAUSE AS MANY OF
21 YOU ALREADY MENTIONED, ONE TIME FUNDING WILL NOT SOLVE A
22 DECADES-LONG PROBLEM. WE MUST FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FUND THIS AT
23 THE EXPANDED LEVELS ON AN ONGOING BASIS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT
24 THE PLAN AS WELL AS THE RELATED MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
25 PUT FORTH BY SUPERVISORS KUEHL, KNABE, ANTONOVICH AND RIDLEY-

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1 THOMAS. IN PARTICULAR, WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE RECOMMENDATION
2 BY SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND ANTONOVICH, REQUESTING A PLAN FOR
3 INCREASING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT
4 SERVICES, INCLUDING HOW THE COUNTY CAN REMOVE BARRIERS TO
5 PARTICIPATION AND TREATMENT SERVICES. ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT
6 STRIDES HAVE BEEN MADE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IN THIS
7 REGARD, THIS CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE AND WE APPRECIATE
8 YOUR OFFICE'S RECOGNITION OF AND EFFORT TO ADDRESS THIS. WE
9 ALSO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
10 TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC
11 NEEDS. WHILE THE HOMELESS COUNT IS NOT PERFECT, IT'S THE BEST
12 DATA WE HAVE, AND IT'S CRITICAL TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDS GO TO
13 THE AREAS THAT S NEED IT MOST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT,
14 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL.

15
16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP LAURA
17 ESTRADA, SOFYA PREGER, RACHEL KASSENROCK, PHIL HAWKEY AND
18 DICK POWERS. GO AHEAD, MR. POWERS.

19
20 **RICHARD POWERS:** RICHARD POWERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
21 GATEWAY CITY'S COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. OUR EXPERIENCE IS A
22 LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE'VE GIVEN
23 OUR MONEY ON THE FRONT END. ABOUT 3-1/2 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A
24 SURVEY DONE THAT WE HAD PROBABLY 15,000 HOMELESS WITHIN OUR
25 REGION OF 2 MILLION POPULATION. WE PUT THE CITIES IN THE

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1 MIDDLE OF THE MIX. WE BROUGHT ALL OF OUR CITY MANAGERS, ALL 26
2 OF THEM, TOGETHER. THEY AGREED THAT THEY WOULD BE AN INTEGRAL
3 PART OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IN THE C.O.G. THEY ASSIGNED A
4 PERSON IN EACH CITY HALL TO DEAL WITH THE CITY'S INDIVIDUAL
5 HOMELESS ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH P.A.T.H. PARTNERS THAT WE
6 RETAINED. WE HAVE HAD A REALLY SUCCESSFUL 3-1/2 YEARS. I'M
7 PLEASED TO SAY THAT WE HAVE SERVED 1200 PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT
8 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. IT REALLY, REALLY WORKS TO BRING THE
9 CITIES IN THERE AND HAVE CITY MANAGER OF 25 YEARS, GET THE
10 CITY MANAGER THERE, FRANKLY. IT REALLY HAS WORKED FOR US AND
11 WE COMMEND SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE COUNTY PROGRAM, WE REALLY
12 COMMEND THE COUNTY FOR DOING IT AND FUNDING IT, BUT IT'S BEEN
13 A BIG SUCCESS FOR US.

14
15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING. NEXT WITNESS,
16 PLEASE.

17
18 **LAURA ESTRADA:** HI, MY NAME IS LAURA ESTRADA. I'D LIKE TO THANK
19 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALLOWING US TO SHARE OUR
20 EXPERIENCES WITH HOMELESSNESS. AGAIN MY NAME IS LAURA, I'M A
21 U.S. VETERAN, NAVY VETERAN. 2013 I EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS. I
22 FOUND MYSELF HOMELESS WITH A NEWBORN DAUGHTER. FOR ALMOST TWO
23 YEARS, WE REMAINED HOMELESS AND WITH THE HELP OF DOWNTOWN
24 WOMEN'S CENTER, WE WERE ABLE TO GET PERMANENT HOUSING AND
25 FINANCIAL HELP WITH DAYCARE. UNFORTUNATELY, DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S

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1 CENTER IS ONE OF THE FEW PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK
2 EXCLUSIVELY WITH VETERAN HOMELESS FEMALES AND WOMEN WHO ARE
3 HOMELESS, AS WELL. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THROUGH THEIR HELP, I
4 WAS ABLE TO SUSTAIN PERMANENT HOUSING AND I'M HERE TO
5 REPRESENT THE FAST AND GROWING HOMELESS VETERAN FEMALES OUT
6 THERE WHO ARE GROWING RAPIDLY BUT ALSO VERY SILENT. AND I'D
7 LIKE TO THANK C.S.H. TO ALLOW ME TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
8 REPRESENT THE FEMALE VETERAN POPULATION. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
11 SERVICE.

12

13 **ANNE MISKEY:** ANNE MISKEY, FROM THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. I
14 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT
15 AND FOR PUTTING FORTH AN INCREDIBLE PLAN THAT REALLY ADDRESSES
16 EVIDENCE-BASED AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS.
17 I'M HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT AS WONDERFUL AS
18 THIS PLAN IS AND THE FACT THAT WE SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS
19 AND 47-A, AND WE'RE THRILLED ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WE ARE
20 ALSO CALLING OUT THE FACT THAT WOMEN HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN
21 THIS PLAN. I'M HERE ALSO TO READ A STATEMENT FROM ONE OF OUR
22 RESIDENTS. SHE WAS TO BE HERE. SHE WAS TO SPEAK TODAY BUT SHE
23 GOT THE FLU SO SHE'S ASKED ME TO READ THIS ON HER BEHALF. THIS
24 IS THERESA PURCELL WHO SPENT 10 YEARS HOMELESS ON THE STREETS
25 OF LOS ANGELES. IMAGINE YOU ARE A WOMAN WHO EXPERIENCED

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1 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND YOUR ONLY OPTION IS TO STAY AT A SHELTER
2 WHERE IT'S ONLY A CURTAIN SEPARATES YOU FROM A ROOM FULL OF
3 MEN. IMAGINE YOU'RE A WOMAN WHO'S BEEN RAPED AND YOU HAVE NO
4 CHOICE BUT TO SIT IN A MEDICAL CLINIC FOR HOURS SURROUNDED BY
5 MEN AS YOU WAIT TO DISCUSS A SENSITIVE MEDICAL ISSUE WITH AN
6 UNFAMILIAR DOCTOR. IMAGINE YOU'RE A 60-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WITH A
7 PHYSICAL DISABILITY AND THE ONLY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
8 AVAILABLE TO YOU IS A MANUAL LABOR JOB THAT REQUIRES YOU TO BE
9 ON YOUR FEET FOR LONG HOURS EVERY DAY. I AM HERE REPRESENTING
10 THE 13,000 WOMEN IN L.A. COUNTY WHO ARE RIGHT NOW EXPERIENCING
11 HOMELESSNESS. I HAVE BEEN THERE. I NEED SERVICES THAT ADDRESS
12 MY NEEDS. WE KNOW FROM OUR HISTORY IN THIS COUNTRY THAT IF WE
13 ONLY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE MAJORITY, THE NEEDS OF THE
14 MINORITY ARE TOO OFTEN IGNORED. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SOFYA PREGER:** MY NAME IS SOFYA PREGER. I'M A SUPPORTIVE
19 HOUSING COMMUNITY ADVOCATE FOR THE C.H.S. SPEAKUP PROGRAM. I'D
20 LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING THE CONSUMER VOICE IN
21 IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY. I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO SIT ON THE
22 L.A.H.S.A. POLICY UPDATE THAT INCLUDED CONSUMERS OF SUPPORTIVE
23 HOUSING AND PEOPLE THAT ARE FORMERLY HOMELESS. I EVEN
24 RECOGNIZE THE POSTER, MY GROUP AND I ILLUSTRATED IN THE
25 CORNER. AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO USE THE

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1 VOICE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FORMERLY HOMELESS BECAUSE WE CAN
2 PROVIDE A VIEWPOINT TO YOU THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE NOT
3 EXPERIENCED BECAUSE THOUGH YOU'RE WELL VERSED ON POLICY, AS IT
4 OBVIOUS FROM THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS THIS BOARD IS ACCOMPLISHING,
5 YOU DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE THE LIVED EXPERIENCE. SOME DO, BUT
6 SOME DON'T. AND UTILIZING PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED THROUGH IT CAN
7 OFFER YOU INSIGHT AND STRATEGIES THAT YOU MIGHT NOT BE AWARE
8 OF THAT ARE NOT ONLY COST CUTTING BUT ALSO HAVE A REAL HUMAN
9 IMPACT, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE GREAT WORK YOU'RE
10 DOING. AND I'M CURRENTLY RESIDING IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
11 THROUGH A H.U.D. SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM AND THAT HAS GIVEN
12 ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETELY TURN MY LIFE AROUND. I'VE
13 BEEN FORMERLY INCARCERATED AS A JUVENILE. I'VE HAD EXPERIENCE
14 IN FOSTER YOUTH, TRANSITIONAL YOUTH AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING HAS
15 BEEN THE FOUNDATION FOR BUILDING A WONDERFUL LIFE.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. (APPLAUSE). NEXT I'D LIKE
18 TO ASK KEYUBBA HOLLIDAY, GERALD THOMPSON, KHALIL SHANNON.
19 PLEASE COME FORWARD. AND RACHEL KASSEN BROCK. I DON'T KNOW IF
20 SHE CAME FORWARD. I DON'T THINK SO.

21

22 **GERALD THOMPSON:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS GERALD THOMPSON. I'M
23 THE C.E.O., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PATHWAYS TO YOUR FUTURE,
24 TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH HOMELESS SHELTER PROGRAM FOR TRANSITION
25 AGED YOUTH. WE ACTUALLY ARE THE ONLY WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM

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1 FOR TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I DON'T
2 WANT TO SPEAK AT ALL. I'VE BEEN AN ADVOCATE FOR, I DON'T KNOW,
3 30 YEARS. IT'S ABOUT THEM. I TOLD THEM THEY NEED TO SPEAK FOR
4 THEMSELVES. I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEM AND THEY ARE AT THE SHELTER
5 EVERY NIGHT ALONG WITH THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS. SO KHALIL WHY
6 DON'T YOU GO FIRST.

7

8 **KHALIL SHANNON:** I'M KHALIL SHANNON, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE
9 TOUCHED ON HOMELESSNESS AND WHY THIS INITIATIVE IS IMPORTANT
10 AND ALL, BUT IT'S MORE SO, I DON'T THINK THEY TOUCHED ON THE
11 CORE, WHICH THE LADY BEFORE EXPLAINED ABOUT BEING PERSONALLY
12 INTO OR ACTUALLY GOING THROUGH HOMELESSNESS. THE PERSONAL CORE
13 TO ME IS THE UNKNOWN MOSTLY WHICH IS JUST NOT KNOWING WHAT'S
14 NEXT. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS INITIATIVE WILL STOP. AND
15 IT WILL LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE.
16 MANY PEOPLE DISCUSSED ON HOW THEY SENT OUT P.E.T. TEAMS TO GO
17 TALK TO PEOPLE ON BENCHES AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT. THE REASON
18 WHY THEY DON'T COME WITH YOU IS BECAUSE THEY DON'T TRUST YOU.
19 [APPLAUSE.] WITH THIS INITIATIVE, IT SHOWS, IT WILL BUILD
20 TRUST BECAUSE IT WILL INCREASE CERTAINTIES AND DECREASE
21 UNKNOWNNS. AND THEY'LL PROBABLY FOLLOW THE HERD TO SUCCESS WITH
22 EVERYBODY ELSE IF EVERYTHING GOES RIGHT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

25

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1 **KEYUBBA HOLLIDAY:** HELLO. MY NAME IS KEYUBBA HOLLIDAY. I'M NOT
2 EVEN FROM OUT IN THIS CITY. I'M EVEN MORE INSPIRED BY THIS
3 GENTLEMAN THAT'S HELPING US OUT RIGHT HERE. I MEAN, EVEN THE
4 PEOPLE THAT WE COME TO WHEN, YOU KNOW, AFTER WE FINISH OUR
5 DAY, WE CAN BE-- YOU KNOW, IF YOU DON'T HAVE A LIFELIKE THAT,
6 YOU COULD BE SITTING UP IN A STARBUCKS ALL DAY. I'M TELLING
7 YOU, ONCE YOU GO BACK HOME TO THE SHELTER, YOU CAN CALL IT
8 HOME. MESS AROUND WITH THIS GUY RIGHT HERE AND I'M BEING
9 HONEST, THIS IS COMING FROM MY HEART. SO WHEN WE COME HOME
10 FROM THAT PLACE OR WHATEVER, I'M TELLING YOU, MAN, WE COME IN,
11 IT'S ALWAYS GOOD FOOD, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE ALWAYS TRY TO UPLIFT
12 YOU. AND RESOURCES THEY ARE TRYING TO GIVE YOU AND STUFF LIKE
13 THAT, YOU KNOW. SO I'M JUST SO AMAZED BY THAT BECAUSE I'M 23
14 AND SINCE I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH IT SINCE ABOUT LIKE 17, YOU
15 KNOW, I'VE JUST BEEN MEETING PEOPLE AND TRYING TO ASK THEM,
16 "LET ME PAY RENT, HELP YOU OUT, PAY RENT AND LET ME STAY IN
17 YOUR HOUSE," LIKE THAT. AND THEN ONCE I FOUND ABOUT THIS, I
18 FIGURE LIKE I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT AGAIN. I'LL JUST GET MY
19 OWN PLACE NOW.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **GERALD THOMPSON:** IF I CAN CLOSE WITH, THE WINTER SHELTERS,
24 WE'RE ONLY OPEN 14 HOURS. AND IT HURTS ME TO MY HEART TO WANT
25 TO HAVE TO ASK THEM TO GO IN THE MORNING AT 7:00. I DON'T CARE

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1 IF IT'S RAINING OR THE SUN IS SHINING, WE CAN'T DO MUCH IN 14
2 HOURS. THEY'LL SLEEP EIGHT OF THOSE HOURS. ANYWAY, THANKS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.

5 [APPLAUSE.] CALL UP PHIL HAWKEY FROM SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C.O.G.

6 JENNIFER LAMARQUE, RICHARD HOPKINS. BOB MCKINNON. CHRIS

7 SANCHEZ. GO AHEAD, MA'AM. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

8

9 **CHRIS SANCHEZ:** MY NAME IS CHRIS SANCHEZ. I'M A COMMUNITY
10 VOLUNTEER FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE'S 4TH DISTRICT IN HACIENDA
11 HEIGHTS AND ROWLAND HEIGHTS. I AM ALSO A PARISHIONER AT ST.
12 JOHN CATHOLIC VIANNEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. LAST WEEK I RECEIVED
13 AN EMAIL FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE NOTIFYING MYSELF AND
14 MONSIGNOR TIM NICHOLS OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY COMMUNITY IN
15 HACIENDA HEIGHTS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESS REPORT YOU
16 ARE CONSIDERING TODAY. MONSIGNOR NICHOLS WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND
17 THIS MEETING DUE TO PRIOR ENGAGEMENTS BUT WISHED ME TO CONVEY
18 HIS CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS, ESPECIALLY THE WOMEN RANGING IN
19 AGE FROM 18 TO 80 YEARS OLD. THEY ARE MOST VULNERABLE WITHOUT
20 PROTECTION WHEN ON THE STREETS. I'M HERE TO COMMENT ON THE
21 UNENDING COMPASSIONATE WORK THAT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
22 HOMELESS COALITION ENDEAVORS ON BEHALF OF YOUR HOMELESS
23 CONSTITUENTS. I AM NOT AN EXPERT ON HOMELESSNESS. MY
24 EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE HAS BEEN ATTAINED AS A VOLUNTEER AT
25 THE ST. JOHN VIANNEY SHELTER FOR TWO WEEKS EACH YEAR FOR THE

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1 LAST EIGHT YEARS AND OBSERVING THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
2 TO PRODUCE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE HOMELESS GUESTS WE
3 SERVE. FROM DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY, THE COALITION PROVIDES
4 MULTIPLE SERVICES TO REGISTERED HOMELESS IN SIX TO SEVEN
5 WINTER SHELTERS IN VARIOUS CHURCH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE
6 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THE HOMELESS CLIENTS RELOCATE EVERY 14 TO
7 18 DAYS DURING THESE MONTHS VIA COALITION BUSES DAILY. FUNDING
8 HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND THE
9 PROGRAM IS IN DANGER OF LOSING MANY NEEDED SERVICES,
10 ESPECIALLY DURING THIS EL NI O WEATHER. LAST MONTH, FOR 16
11 DAYS FROM JANUARY 16TH TO THE 31ST, ST. JOHN VIANNEY COMMUNITY
12 SHELTERED OVER 200 PERSONS PER NIGHT, APPROXIMATELY 3200
13 CLIENT NIGHTS.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM.

16

17 **CHRIS SANCHEZ:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

20

21 **RICHARD HOPKINS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RICHARD HOPKINS.
22 I'M WITH THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COALITION FOR THE
23 HOMELESS. WE ARE A FAITH-BASED, FRONT LINE ORGANIZATION
24 DEALING WITH HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THAT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 20
25 YEARS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO BE ABLE TO

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1 CONCENTRATE ON IN MY TIME IS THE FACT THAT PEOPLE NEED TO BE
2 EDUCATED IN THE PUBLIC. SOMETIMES WE DO NOT SEE ANYTHING ON
3 T.V. OR WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO SEE ITEMS OF THIS TYPE OF SUBJECT
4 PRIMARILY IN THE PRESS. BUT PEOPLE NEED TO BE EDUCATED SO THAT
5 THEY WILL NOT BE INDIFFERENT TO THE HOMELESS AND ALSO FROM THE
6 STANDPOINT OF COMMUNICATION, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE ENDEAVORS
7 THAT THE COUNTY IS MAKING WILL BE KNOWN TO SACRAMENTO SO THAT
8 WE CAN ESSENTIALLY GET MORE FUNDING. GOVERNOR BROWN'S STATE OF
9 THE STATE ADDRESS DID NOT REGARD ANYTHING FROM HOMELESSNESS.
10 SO FROM THAT STANDPOINT, COMMUNICATION IS VERY, VERY
11 IMPORTANT. AND THE PUBLIC'S EDUCATION NEEDS TO BE RADICALLY
12 CHANGED FROM THE STANDPOINT THAT MANY PEOPLE IN ADDRESSING
13 THIS ISSUE ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE, TO A DEGREE,
14 INDIFFERENT. AND IT'S THAT INDIFFERENCE THAT REALLY HURTS A
15 LOT OF PEOPLE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF HOMELESSNESS. I WILL
16 CONCLUDE.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** POINT WELL TAKEN. THANK YOU. NEXT
19 WITNESS, PLEASE. SIR?

20

21 **BOB MCKINNON:** YES. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BOB MCKINNON. I'M
22 WITH THE EAST SAN GABRIEL COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS AND I
23 HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COALITION SINCE 1994. AND I'VE BEEN
24 INVOLVED IN WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH
25 SINCE 1990. I JUST WANT TO MENTION-- AND THIS IS MAYBE A

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1 LITTLE OFF THE SUBJECT-- BUT I REMEMBER HILDA SOLIS FROM QUITE
2 A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. WE HAVE A FOOD PANTRY AT ST. JOHN
3 VIANNEY CHURCH AND I WAS WORKING THERE ONE SATURDAY, THERE WAS
4 A LADY THAT WALKED UP AND SHE HAD A BOX FULL OF NONPERISHABLE
5 THINGS TO DONATE. AND SHE ALSO HAD BROUGHT CLOTHES. AND I
6 DIDN'T KNOW WHO SHE WAS. BUT SHE INTRODUCED HERSELF AS HILDA
7 SOLIS. THIS WAS BACK WHEN YOU WERE DISCUSSING IN CONGRESS--
8 NOT THE VIETNAM WAR BUT THE IRAQI WAR. AND I WILL NEVER FORGET
9 THIS. IT WAS NOT A PHOTO OP. THIS WAS A GENUINE EFFORT ON YOUR
10 PART TO SHOW COMPASSION AND CARE. AND I'VE ALWAYS REMEMBERED
11 THAT AND I DO APPRECIATE THAT. THE ONE THING THAT I WOULD HOPE
12 WE WOULD TRY TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT IS ROOT CAUSES BECAUSE IF
13 WE IGNORE THE ROOT CAUSES, THIS PROGRAM, THESE EFFORTS WILL
14 NOT SUCCEED. AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS TO BE A
15 POLITICAL ISSUE THAT BECOMES A NATIONAL ISSUE AND THAT THE
16 AMOUNT OF ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE SEVERITY OF THE PROBLEM.
17 AND I FEEL THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A GREAT DEAL MORE ATTENTION
18 DIRECTED TO THE CRISIS THAT WE'RE IN. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND REMINDING US
21 ABOUT THE GOOD WORK THAT OUR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS PROVIDE
22 FOR THE HOMELESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. NEXT
23 WE HAVE JENNIFER LAMARQUE, RUTH SCHWARTZ, LIBBY CHASE, DORA
24 GALLO, MERCEDES MARQUEZ.

25

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1 **RUTH SCHWARTZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RUTH SCHWARTZ THE
2 DIRECTOR AT SHELTER PARTNERSHIP. WE'RE GOING TO BE CELEBRATING
3 31 YEARS. I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE A REALLY LONG TIME,
4 SO THIS IS A REALLY BIG DEAL TODAY AND WE'RE REALLY PLEASED
5 AND HAPPY. YOU KNOW, HOPE IT ALL COMES TO FRUITION. AND WE'LL
6 BE THERE WITH YOU. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR C.E.O.
7 AND ALL OF YOU FOR UNDERTAKING THIS TASK. I WANT TO SAY
8 BRIEFLY WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTIONS AND
9 ALL HIS WORK, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, ALL OF YOU. WE WANT TO SAY
10 THANK YOU. WE THINK REGIONAL IS REALLY IMPORTANT, THAT'S WHERE
11 RESOURCES SHOULD GO IS BASED ON A REGIONAL APPROACH. AND IT
12 WORKS. WE ALSO THINK THAT WE REALLY LIKE THE PREFABRICATED
13 MOTION AND ALL THE OTHER MOTIONS. I WANTED TO SAY THERE ISN'T
14 A LOT OF DISCUSSION IN HERE ABOUT HOW EXPERTISE IN THE PUBLIC
15 WILL BE ENGAGED. AND THAT NEEDS TO BE PART OF THAT. BRIDGE
16 HOUSING B.7 NEEDS TO BE FUNDING. WE'VE GOT OVER 2,000 BEDS
17 THAT MAY NOT GO FORWARD IF WE DON'T FIND A WAY TO FUND THOSE
18 BEDS, ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY BEDS. WE'RE REALLY SUPPORTIVE OF
19 RAPID REHOUSING AND HOPE THAT YOU'LL CONTINUE FUNDING THAT
20 PROGRAM. IT'S IN HERE. BUT IF WE ARE GOING TO REALLY ADDRESS
21 THE NEEDS, ESPECIALLY OF FAMILIES, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE'RE
22 GOING TO HAVE, REALLY, TO DO THAT, AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE
23 THAT COMMITMENT. I'D LIKE TO SEE GUYS GO ON STAGE AND SAY,
24 FIRST FIVE SHOULD FUND IT. I THINK THAT'S TOO IMPORTANT. I'M
25 NOT GOING TO STOP SAYING THAT. AND THEN I THINK I'M GOING TO--

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1 A FUNDING SOURCE FOR PERMANENT HOUSING. I MEAN I KNOW IT'S IN
2 ANOTHER PLAN, BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH. UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE GOING
3 TO NEED A BOND ISSUE OR SOMETHING BECAUSE WE'RE SO FAR BEHIND.
4 WE'RE FAR BEHIND, AND THINGS ARE ACCELERATING. THEY'RE NOT
5 STAYING STEADY. IT'S NOT GRADUALLY. THE CAUSES ARE MUCH MORE
6 EXACERBATED THAN THEY'VE EVER BEEN. HIGH COST OF HOUSING, LOW
7 INCOMES, LOW WELFARE PAYMENTS, DISCHARGE, EVERYTHING. WE'VE
8 GOT TO ACCELERATE OUR PLAN. SO THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR
9 THIS MEMORABLE DAY.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE MICHAEL MALTZAN,
12 PASTOR NORMAN JOHNSON, ANNE MISKEY, VALENCIA NESTOR ENRIQUEZ,
13 DANIELLE NOBLE AND BILL DE WITT.

14

15 **DANIELLE NOBLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DANIEL NOBLE, I'M THE
16 DEPUTY CITY MANAGER OF SANTA MONICA REPRESENTING SANTA MONICA
17 MAYOR, TONY VASQUEZ. ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR, I'D LIKE TO
18 COMMEND THE COUNTY FOR DEVELOPING THE INITIATIVE BEFORE YOU
19 TODAY. SANTA MONICA APPRECIATED BEING PART OF THE INCLUSIVE
20 PROCESS. HOMELESSNESS IS A REGIONAL CRISIS. IT KNOWS KNOW
21 BOUNDARIES. AND THERE ARE REAL SOLUTIONS BEFORE YOU TODAY.
22 EFFORTS THAT PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
23 FUND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND TRAIN FIRST RESPONDERS. SANTA
24 MONICA CONTINUES TO BE COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN
25 OUR CITY AND BEING A GOOD REGIONAL PARTNER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR

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1 LEADERSHIP. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE POSITIVE CHANGES THAT WILL
2 COME FROM IMPLEMENTING THIS PLAN.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL SWITCH TO A
5 SPEAKER WE HAVE FROM LANCASTER, FRAN SERESERES. THERE YOU GO.
6 MA'AM?

7

8 **FRAN SERESERES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY
9 MUCH FOR LISTENING TO ME. MY NAME IS FRAN SERESERES, AND OF
10 COURSE, I'M FROM LANCASTER. I WANT TO THANK YOU ON THIS
11 INITIATIVE ON THE HOMELESSNESS. IN DECEMBER OF 2014, I ALSO
12 BROUGHT THIS UP AND ALONG WITH METROLINK AND ANTONOVICH'S
13 OFFICE WAS VERY GRACIOUS AND IS HELPING US WITH THIS. BUT
14 THINGS HAVE HAPPENED AND IT'S KIND OF ON THE SLOW END OF
15 EVERYTHING. I WANTED TO KNOW. I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYBODY FROM
16 LANCASTER BEING PART OF THIS. ARE THEY PART OF THE 88 CITIES
17 THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS? I'M HOPING SOMEBODY FROM OUR CITY
18 AS FAR AS OUR MAYOR'S OFFICE OR ANY OF OUR OFFICIALS,
19 COMMUNITY LEADERS AND OUR FAITH-BASED PEOPLE COMING TOGETHER
20 WITH THIS INITIATIVE. IF NOT, I GUESS I STAND ALONE AND I'M
21 HERE FOR THE PEOPLE AND THAT'S WHAT I DO. AND I THANK YOU SO,
22 SO MUCH AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE.]

23

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, FRAN. NEXT I'D
2 LIKE TO CALL UP RABEYA SEN. JOE LEAL. KRISTINE HESSE, AND
3 RICHARD CORRAL. GO AHEAD KRISTINE HESSE.

4

5 **KRISTINE HESSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KRISTINE HESSE. I'M
6 WITH THE NATIONAL VETERANS FOUNDATION AS WELL AS AN AIR FORCE
7 RETIREE HERE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES. I WANTED TO MENTION THAT
8 WE HAVE EXCITING TIMES AHEAD OF US, LEADING TO GREAT CHANGES
9 IN OUR COMMUNITY. MY COMMENTS WANT TO FOCUS AROUND WOMEN
10 VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, MAKING SURE WE HAVE ACCESS TO
11 SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS WELL AS MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT.
12 ALSO HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE MANY COORDINATED ENTRY POINTS IN
13 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THIS WILL IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR
14 VETERANS THROUGH VETERANS SERVICE CENTERS AND INCREASE OUR
15 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SOLUTIONS AND HOPEFULLY SHELTERS AND
16 TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT HOUSING. I REQUEST THAT THE
17 SERVICES THROUGH THE PLAN BE EXTENDED OUTSIDE THE NORMAL
18 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 TO 5 MODEL. WE KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS
19 IS 24 HOURS AND TO TRULY MEET THESE INDIVIDUALS WHERE THEY
20 NEED TO BE MET, WE NEED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THEM ON EVENINGS
21 AND WEEKENDS. AND FINALLY, ONCE AS A VETERAN NEW TO LOS
22 ANGELES NOW CURRENTLY AS A SERVICE PROVIDER, IT'S OFTEN
23 CHALLENGING TO FIND OUT ENTRY POINT INFORMATION AND WHAT
24 PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE. I WOULD URGE FOR A P.S.A. AND A SOCIAL
25 MEDIA CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND THE CITIES SO WE CAN

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1 HELP MORE OF THE HOMELESS BY EDUCATING THEIR FAMILY AND THEN
2 GETTING THE SERVICES TO THEM. IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO EXTEND A
3 PERSONAL THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR ATTENDING THE
4 WEST L.A. V.A. MASTER PLAN ON BEHALF OF THE VETERANS ADVOCACY
5 AND WE'D ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO COME VISIT
6 JOHNSON AND FANES [PH?] FOR THE PLAN AND TO SEE THE
7 ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE WOMEN VETERANS VILLAGE THAT'S THE FIRST
8 TIME TO BE BUILT ON THE WEST L.A. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. JOE LEAL.

11

12 **KRISTINE HESSE:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **JOE LEAL:** HELLO, MY NAME'S JOE LEAL, U.S. ARMY COMBAT VETERAN,
15 CURRENTLY WITH ARMY RESERVE AND FOUNDER OF THE VET HUNTERS
16 PROJECT AND THE VET HUNTERS MILITARY M.C. YOU KNOW, I SEE
17 THESE ARTICLES, I SEE THEM IN THE NEWS ABOUT L.A. TIMES RUNS
18 THEM AND THEY TALK ABOUT SKID ROW, IT'S JUST GETTING WORSE AND
19 WHAT'S HAPPENING AND HOMELESSNESS IS INCREASING. SOME OF YOU
20 GUYS CAN SEE THAT ON THE WAY IN. WHAT I THINK IS HAPPENING AND
21 WHAT I KNOW IS HAPPENING ACTUALLY IS THERE'S A LOT OF
22 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DOING A GREAT JOB, THEY REALLY ARE. BUT
23 WHAT I DO IS, WE HIT SKID ROW A LOT AND WE HANG OUT BY THE
24 GREYHOUND AND WE WATCH THEM GETTING OFF THE BUSES AND THEY'RE
25 BEING SHIPPED FROM ALL OVER. THEY'RE COMING FROM OREGON,

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1 ARIZONA, THEY'RE COMING FROM PRISON SYSTEMS UP NORTH. AND
2 THEY'RE JUST COMING IN. SO MY QUESTION IS: HAS THERE EVER BEEN
3 SOME TYPE OF EFFORT TO FIND OUT WHO ON SKID ROW OR ANY
4 ORGANIZATION ON HOW MANY OF THEM ARE JUST NOT FROM THIS CITY?
5 YET ALONE COUNTY. YET ALONE STATE. AND THEY'RE COMING IN AND
6 THEY'RE COMING IN. SO FOR EVERY ONE THAT WE HOUSE, FIVE COME
7 IN AND SIX COME IN. SO ACTUALLY THERE'S A GOOD EFFORT GOING
8 ON. BUT YOU DON'T SEE IT BECAUSE THEY'RE CONTINUOUSLY COMING
9 IN. AND THAT'S WHERE IT'S JUST DIFFICULT. THE OTHER THING I
10 WANT TO TALK ABOUT REAL QUICK IS OBVIOUSLY TALK ABOUT
11 HOMELESSNESS IS NOT 9 TO 5. ANOTHER THING, TOO, IS I'M CURIOUS
12 TO FIND OUT WHAT THE NUMBERS LOOK LIKE WHEN YOU GET THEM A BUS
13 VOUCHER OR, FOR EXAMPLE, A VOUCHER THAT'S LIKE ANY TYPE OF
14 VOUCHER WITH A SUSTAINMENT BEHIND IT BECAUSE, GUYS, HOUSING
15 THEM IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF OUR JOB. THERE HAS TO BE MORE
16 AND MORE SUSTAINMENT AFTER THE FACT. THAT'S ANOTHER THING. AND
17 THE LAST THING IS HOSPITALS. THERE REALLY NEEDS TO BE A
18 PARTNERSHIP WITH HOSPITALS. A LOT OF VETERANS OR HOMELESS WIND
19 UP IN THE HOSPITALS AND I GET PHONE CALLS ALL THE TIME FROM
20 HOSPITALS THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO
21 SEND THEM. IT HAS TO HAPPEN. ANYWAY WE COULD GO ON BUT LAST
22 THING WE REALLY NEED A PERMANENT SHELTER IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
23 BECAUSE WHAT'S HAPPENING IS THEY'RE DOING ALL THESE HOMELESS
24 CAMP RELOCATIONS AND THEY'RE SAYING, I DON'T WANT TO GO THE
25 SKID ROW. I DON'T WANT TO GO TO L.A. COUNTY WANT TO STAY HERE.

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1 AND TO THIS DAY THERE IS NO PERMANENT SHELTER IN SAN GABRIEL
2 VALLEY. SO THINK YOU ABOUT IT.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PHIL, DO YOU
5 WANT TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS?

6

7 **PHIL ANSELL:** YES, ON THE QUESTION THAT WAS RAISED ABOUT THE
8 NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT COME TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
9 WHAT THE RESULTS OF THE 2015 HOMELESS COUNT CONDUCTED BY
10 L.A.H.S.A. ACTUALLY SHOWED, IS THAT HOMELESS PEOPLE IN LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN IN LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME THAN ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE
13 HOUSED. SO IT'S ACTUALLY A MYTH THAT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF
14 THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS A RESULT OF
15 MIGRATION TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE POINT MADE ALSO BY MR. LEAL IS
18 THAT WE DON'T HAVE A PERMANENT STRUCTURE IN THE SAN GABRIEL
19 VALLEY, WHICH DOES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. I WANT TO COMMEND
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR HELPING TO FAST FORWARD FUNDING THROUGH
21 THEIR C.O.G. THOSE ARE IDEAS TO LOOK AT IN EXPANDING THE SAN
22 GABRIEL VALLEY AND POMONA AREA AS WELL AS-- THE SOUTHEAST IS
23 COVERED BUT SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND POMONA. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY--
24 THOMAS?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WOULD THINK IN THE 90-DAY REPORT BACK,
2 ASSUMING WE ADOPT ALL OF THE AMENDMENTS AND THE LIKE,
3 ARTICULATION OF SUCH SHOULD BE AND COULD BE ADDRESSED. I'M
4 AWARE THERE ARE OBVIOUS GAPS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED
5 PRIOR TO THIS POINT. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BEING ONE
6 ILLUSTRATION. WHY DON'T WE HAVE THE APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT
7 OF SUCH AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WE CAN AND SHOULD DO ABOUT THAT?
8 THAT'S THE WISDOM OF THE 90-DAY REPORT BACK AS IT RELATES TO
9 47-A.1. ALL RIGHT?

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. RABEYA
12 SEN. RICHARD CORRAL. REBA STEVENS. VERONICA PEREZ. RICK WATTS?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. EXCITED TO BE
15 HERE. I'M REALLY ENTHUSED ABOUT THE IDEA OF ENDING
16 HOMELESSNESS. I AM FROM THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND
17 I HAPPEN TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF MANY WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE
18 FOCUS GROUP AND SHARING MY OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. WHAT WAS
19 REALLY FASCINATING WAS TO HAVE PEOPLE LIKE GRACE WOODMAN AND
20 RONALD WILLIAMS, JESSICA REED, WHO WERE OUR FACILITATORS, FOR
21 THE MOST PART. AND THEN MOST IMPORTANTLY TO HIGHLIGHT LETICIA,
22 I'M GOING TO MESS UP HER LAST NAME FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE.
23 AND THE REASON I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THEM IS THAT MAINLY BECAUSE
24 WE'RE EITHER GOING TO BE A PART OF KEEP TALKING ABOUT THE
25 PROBLEM OR WE'RE GOING THE LOOK AT THE SOLUTIONS. AND BEING A

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1 PART OF THE FOCUS GROUP AND ENGAGING WITH THEM WAS A PART OF
2 THE SOLUTION TO A HUGE PROBLEM, NOT TO MENTION THAT I WANT TO
3 QUOTE BARACK OBAMA WHEN HE SAYS "CHANGE DOESN'T HAPPEN TOP
4 DOWN, BUT IT HAPPENS BOTTOM UP." AND WHAT HAPPENED HERE WAS
5 THAT WE WERE ALLOWED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR OWN PERSONAL
6 JOURNEYS. THE PEOPLE THAT YOU SAW ON VIDEO TODAY IT'S
7 IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THOSE ARE NOT MOVIE STARS.
8 THAT'S REAL LIFE. LIFE, CAMERA, ACTION. AND THE POINT IS THAT
9 I HAVE 11 SECONDS, 10, 9, 8 AND I WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S
10 IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE A LOOK AT OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.
11 WHY? BECAUSE EVEN RIGHT NOW WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING WITH
12 THESE HOMELESS SHELTERS, YOU BETTER KNOW THAT IT'S NOT AN
13 HONEST DEAL HERE, THAT THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS THAT PEOPLE
14 ARE CUTTING CASH, MONEY AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE
15 A LOOK AT THAT AND HAVE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. CAN I
16 JUST HAVE THE TWO SECONDS?

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TWO SECONDS GO ON.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** WHAT ALSO IS VERY IMPORTANT IS THAT WE CONTINUE TO
21 HAVE THIS FOCUS GROUP AND ALLOW US TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO GIVE
22 BACK WHAT WAS GIVEN TO US. I HAVE BEEN HOUSED FOR 16 YEARS.
23 AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT EVERY DAY THAT I TURN THE CORNER
24 69TH AND WESTERN THERE ARE MOMENTS THAT I HAVE RESTLESS NIGHTS
25 BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS TODAY. I AM CONSTANTLY

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1 REMINDED THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT I HAVE TO OFFER. AND WHAT I
2 HAVE TO OFFER IS MY EXPERIENCE. SOME STRENGTH AND SOME HOPE TO
3 WHAT IT IS THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING IN DEALING WITH ENDING
4 HOMELESS TODAY. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY NO ONE SAID TO YOU GUYS
5 PUBLICLY THANK YOU. THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR THE
6 WORK IN WHICH YOU ARE DOING, SUPERVISORS. BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T
7 FOR YOU, PETER LYNN WOULDN'T BE IN THE POSITION THAT HE'S IN
8 TO DO THE WORK THAT HE'S DOING TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SHARING. WE
11 HEARD YOU. LOUD AND CLEAR.

12

13 **VERONICA PEREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. VERONICA PEREZ
14 HERE REPRESENTING THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION. WE'D LIKE TO
15 COMMEND THE COUNTY ON THIS EXCELLENT REPORT. IT CONTAINS
16 STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL HELP IN OUR BATTLE TO COMBAT
17 HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS
18 REGARDING PREVENTION. THE WELL-ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP
19 BETWEEN HOMELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION, THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM
20 AND COUNTY HOSPITALS ARE FINALLY BEING DISCUSSED IN A
21 PRACTICAL WAY. ALSO, WE'RE HAPPY TO SEE THE COUNTY WILL
22 DEVELOP AN ENHANCED DISCHARGE GUIDELINES TO PREVENT
23 HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP. HOWEVER, THE
24 REPORT DOES NOT DISCUSS FUNDING. IMPLEMENTING A COMPREHENSIVE
25 DISCHARGE PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE A RE-ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

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1 AND THIS DISCUSSION MUST BE HAD SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. THE
2 COUNTY'S COMMITMENT OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR THE
3 DISABLED HOMELESS PURSUING S.S.I. IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT
4 TO HIGHLIGHT. THE S.S.I PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE FEW CONSISTENT
5 SOURCES OF FEDERAL FUNDS THAT CAN BE USED TOWARDS HOMELESSNESS
6 AND INCREASING ACCESS TO THIS PROGRAM WILL GO A LONG WAY.
7 LASTLY, THE INITIATIVES COMMITMENT TO EXPAND BRIDGE HOUSING IS
8 CRITICAL. IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS TO MOVE A HOMELESS
9 INDIVIDUAL TO A PERMANENT SHELTER AND BRIDGE HOUSING HELPS
10 FILL THAT GAP. WE ARE COMMITTED TO PARTNERING WITH THE CITY
11 AND COUNTY TO SUPPORT SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND
12 HOPE YOU WILL PRIORITIZE THESE ITEMS AS YOU MOVE FORWARD
13 TODAY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **RICK WATTS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS RICK WATTS
16 FROM THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD
17 AND FAST TOGETHER FEED.ORG WHICH IS SIMPLY MY OWN EFFORT ON
18 BEHALF OF HUNGER INSPIRED BY REVEREND JIM WALLACE OF
19 SOJOURNERS AND MY STEPMOTHER, BARBARA WATTS, OF GULF PORT,
20 MISSISSIPPI. I APPLAUD THIS EFFORT AND THANK YOU. I CAUTION
21 EVERYONE TO NOT LET THIS EVER BECOME A MERE PHOTO OP WITHOUT
22 ADEQUATE FUNDING AND COORDINATION. THE PROBLEM IS COMPLEX.
23 IT'S ENORMOUS AND IT CANNOT BE SOLVED OVERNIGHT WITHOUT A
24 COMMITMENT TO DO BETTER STILL. ANY OF YOU WHO HAVE ATTENDED
25 THE ANNUAL MASS BURIAL SERVICE AT THE COUNTY CREMATORY KNOW

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1 THIS. MORE THAN 1400 LAST DECEMBER. IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, DESPITE
2 OUR BEST EFFORTS AND ADDING HUNDREDS OF HOUSING UNITS, OUR
3 SMALL CITY OF 37,000 IS MORE THAN DOING OUR PART BUT WE CANNOT
4 DO IT ALONE. WITH TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENTS NOW COSTING MORE THAN
5 \$2,500 A MONTH, IS IT ANY WONDER THAT THE HOMELESS CRISIS IS
6 CONTINUING TO WORSEN? BETWEEN THE HORRIBLE EFFECTS OF THE
7 STILL UNREFORMED ELLIS ACT AND COSTA HAWKINS ACT AND DECADES
8 LONG NEGLECT OF SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR HOUSING SUPPORT. IN MY
9 OWN EFFORTS, I'VE GIVEN OUT HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF MEALS
10 FROM MY OWN KITCHEN. BY DOING SO AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF
11 FRIENDS, I'VE NOW FED SOMETHING NORTH OF 4,000 PEOPLE. BUT
12 IT'S ONLY A DROP IN THE BUCKET, YET I TRY TO KEEP IN MIND MY
13 MAMA'S STATEMENT THAT IF YOU SAVE ONE PERSON, IT IS AS IF YOU
14 SAVED THE WORLD. BUT THERE ARE SO MANY WHO NEED HELP IN THIS
15 LAND OF MILLION DOLLARS CONDOS. SO AGAIN I'LL BE FASTING THIS
16 COMING EASTER. I'LL BE FORGOING ALL FOOD FOR ONE WEEK WHILE
17 STILL PREPARING EACH AND GIVING OUT EACH OF THOSE 20 MEALS I
18 WILL BE SKIPPING TO HOMELESS PERSONS. TRUST ME IT'S NOT EASY
19 BUT I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN MY FAST TO FEED BY DOING LIKEWISE
20 AND ALLOWING YOURSELF TO FEEL SOME OF THE PAIN BORNE DAILY BY
21 TOO MANY PEOPLE, EVEN IF ONLY FOR A DAY SO THAT BY YOU GOING
22 HUNGRY, OTHERS WON'T HAVE TO. AT LEAST FOR THAT DAY. THANK
23 YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ORLANDO WARD. JESUS
2 CAMPOS, KELVIN WILLIAMS AND JILL BAUMAN. NO ONE IS COMING. WE
3 ARE GOING TO MOVE ON. CAROL CRABSON. CHRISTINA MILLER. NANCY
4 WILCOX. BLAIR BESTEN. KATJA NELSON. GO AHEAD.

5

6 **NANCY WILCOX:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NANCY WILCOX
7 AND I'M THE CO-CHAIR FOR THE SOUTH BAY COALITION TO END
8 HOMELESSNESS. I WAS ALSO THE SERVICE PLANNING AREA 8 LEAD FOR
9 THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, SCALE UP PROJECT TWO YEARS AGO.
10 ONE OF THE MOST IMMEDIATE IMPACTS C.E.S. HAS HAD WAS A NEW
11 STEADY FLOW OF COUNTY HOUSING RESOURCES FROM D.M.H., D.H.S.
12 AND H.A.C.O.L.A. INTO OUR REGION. THESE WERE TRULY WELCOMED
13 ASSETS TO OUR UNDERRESOURCED S.P.A. THROUGH YOUR CONTINUED
14 LEADERSHIP, THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE CREATES EVEN MORE
15 OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESOURCES AND COLLABORATION. THE PLAN ALSO
16 ADDRESSES A KEY CHALLENGE WE FACE IN THE SOUTH BAY. WE HAVE 8
17 INCORPORATED CITIES WITH 5 HOUSING AUTHORITIES, MOST OF THOSE
18 IN AREAS OF HIGHEST CONCENTRATIONS OF HOMELESSNESS. THE
19 UNPRECEDENTED PARTNERSHIPS WITH THESE CITIES THROUGH THIS PLAN
20 WILL ALLOW THEM ALL TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN HELPING US END
21 HOMELESSNESS IN THE SOUTH BAY. WE ARE SO PLEASED THAT HAD THIS
22 PLAN RECOGNIZES THIS AS A COUNTYWIDE OPPORTUNITY. WE
23 RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO CONTINUE IN THIS VEIN AND ALSO SEE
24 WHERE THERE MAY BE SOME GREATER REGIONAL NEEDS IN SOME OF THE
25 SERVICE PLANNING AREAS BASED ON THE CURRENT HOUSING INVENTORY

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1 AND OUR HOUSING POPULATIONS AS DOCUMENTED BY THE HOMES COUNT.

2 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR VISION AND LEADERSHIP.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS.

5

6 **CAROL CRABSON:** MY NAME IS CAROL CRABSON, NEXT TO FRAN, I'M THE
7 ONLY REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND I'M THE
8 C.E.O. OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL AND WE
9 ARE ALSO THE LEAD AGENCY OF THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM IN
10 THE CITY OF LANCASTER. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD, THE C.E.O.
11 AND PHIL FOR THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK AND COURAGEOUS WORK
12 THAT YOU ARE DOING. I WANT TO VERBALIZE MY SUPPORT OF THE
13 RECOMMENDATION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND KNABE ON ITEM 8 AND
14 WITH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO LOOK DEEPER
15 INTO THE POTENTIAL FUNDING CUTS OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
16 PROGRAMS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS. H.U.D. HAS RECOGNIZED
17 THAT THIS IS AN EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE, A BEST PRACTICE IN
18 WORKING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE HAVE 90 BEDS IN THE CITY OF
19 LANCASTER TO COVER THE ENTIRE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR DOMESTIC
20 VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND TRANSITIONAL. THESE BEDS SHUT DOWN,
21 THAT'S 90 FAMILIES THAT WILL BE HOMELESS BECAUSE ONCE YOU'RE
22 IN A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, YOU NO LONGER ARE
23 CLASSIFIED AS CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. SO THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS
24 ISSUE. I THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. IT IS A
25 KEY ISSUE RIGHT UP THERE WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, I MEAN RIGHT

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1 UP THERE WITH MENTAL HEALTH. ALSO TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE NUMBER
2 OF MENTAL HEALTH VOUCHERS THERE ARE, AND THAT TO QUALIFY FOR
3 THOSE VOUCHERS YOU HAVE TO BE RECEIVING SERVICES THROUGH THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THERE ARE MANY D.V. VICTIMS WILL
5 NOT GO OUT TO MENTAL HEALTH SO THEY DON'T QUALIFY FOR THOSE
6 BEDS WHERE THEY OTHERWISE WOULD. SO I WOULD LIKE THAT TO BE
7 CONSIDERED AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PHIL, THAT IS AN ITEM OF GREAT
10 CONCERN, I THINK, TO SOME OF US ON THE BOARD. JUST YESTERDAY I
11 WAS VISITING A FACILITY FOR WOMEN SHELTER AND THIS WAS ALSO
12 BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION IN TERMS OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK ONE QUESTION, PHIL. RELATIVE TO
15 THOSE WHO REQUIRE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, AS JUST MENTIONED,
16 THERE ARE VOUCHERS GIVEN TO THEM. BUT IT'S ONLY FOR THE MENTAL
17 HEALTH THAT THEY'RE BEING CARED BY A PROVIDER FROM THE MENTAL
18 HEALTH DEPARTMENT?

19

20 **PHIL ANSELL:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE THAT VOUCHER TO BE
23 APPLIED TO OTHER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES?

24

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1 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE MENTAL
2 HEALTH SERVICES THEMSELVES ARE FUNDED THROUGH MEDI-CAL. AND
3 THEREFORE WITH THE A.C.A., THEY SHOULD BE UNIVERSALLY
4 AVAILABLE TO THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN MEDI-CAL AND
5 VIRTUALLY EVERY HOMELESS PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO MEDI-CAL. I
6 THINK THE ISSUE WHERE THERE'S A LIMITATION IS IN THE ACTUAL
7 PAYMENT FOR THE HOUSING. AND THAT'S WHERE THERE'S A
8 LIMITATION, AS WE KNOW, IN THE AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE
9 BOTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS AND OTHERS. THE MENTAL HEALTH
10 SERVICES ACT IS A SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR RENTAL SUBSIDIES FOR A
11 SUBSET OF MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS. I SAW THAT DR. ROBIN KAY JUST
12 WALKED IN. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE WAS LISTENING TO THIS EXCHANGE
13 AND IF SHE MIGHT WANT TO ADD FURTHER REGARDING THE SPECIFIC
14 QUESTION ON MENTAL HEALTH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ISSUE IS CONNECTIVITY, THEN.

17

18 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** SUPERVISOR, THE DEPARTMENT MANAGES A NUMBER OF
19 DIFFERENT HOUSING OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE, SOME FUNDED WITH MENTAL
20 HEALTH SERVICES ACT. WE ALSO HAVE SEVERAL THOUSAND OR OVER A
21 THOUSAND HOUSING VOUCHERS THROUGH CONTRACTS THAT WE HAVE WITH
22 THE HOUSING AUTHORITIES FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
23 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING THROUGH THE
24 C.E.S. SYSTEM AND ALSO OUR MOBILE TEAMS TO CONNECT INDIVIDUALS
25 WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WITH ALL OF THOSE HOUSING OPTIONS.

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1 BUT WE DO UTILIZE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MENTAL HEALTH
2 SERVICES ACT FUNDING BOTH FOR HOUSING SUBSIDIES FOR PEOPLE WHO
3 ARE IN FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS AS WELL AS OTHER
4 HOUSING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR CARE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION WAS--

7

8 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THE CONCERN IS THAT WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, A
9 LOT OF VICTIMS WILL NOT GO OUTSIDE OF D.V. PROVIDERS TO
10 RECEIVE SERVICES FOR A MULTITUDE OF REASONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 MENTAL HEALTH VOUCHERS, YOU HAVE TO BE RECEIVING SERVICES
12 THROUGH D.M.H. TO BE QUALIFYING FOR ANY OF THEIR VOUCHERS,
13 WHETHER IT'S THROUGH H.A.C.O.L.A., WHETHER IT'S THROUGH
14 M.I.T., ANY OF THEIR PROGRAMS. AND SO THIS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
15 VICTIMS EXPERIENCE DIAGNOSABLE MENTAL ILLNESSES, ANXIETY,
16 POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, DEPRESSION, ATTACHMENT
17 DISORDERS, ALL KINDS OF THINGS. BUT THEY FEEL SAFE IN GETTING
18 THOSE SERVICES WITHIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGENCIES BECAUSE WE
19 UNDERSTAND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES. AND SO THOSE ARE THE--
20 - I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT THAT INTERCONNECTIVITY OF THE
21 CROSSOVER OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS HAVING MENTAL HEALTH
22 ISSUES BUT NOT THEN QUALIFYING FOR D.M.H. VOUCHERS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PERHAPS WE COULD FOLLOW UP AND GET OF A
25 REPORT BACK TO US.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** BE DELIGHTED TO.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ACTUALLY IT'S PART AS YOU KNOW, BUT IT'S
7 PART OF THE MOTION THAT WE BROUGHT FOR ITEM NO. 9 TO EXPLORE
8 REDUCING THE BARRIERS THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO ACCESSING HOUSING.
9 WHERE IT WAS REQUIRED THAT THEY BE CLIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF MENTAL HEALTH, WE WOULD WANT TO EXPAND THE ABILITY OF
11 PEOPLE TO COME THROUGH I GUESS WHAT YOU'D CALL A NO WRONG DOOR
12 APPROACH. AND THAT'S ACTUALLY IN THE MOTION. SO I THINK WE
13 RECOGNIZE THAT THIS HAS BEEN A PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT
14 UNUSUAL FOR THE COUNTY TO SAY: WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR
15 CLIENTS. THEY'VE SIGNED UP WITH US. WE'D LIKE TO FIND HOUSING
16 FOR THEM. BUT I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER BECAUSE IT'S BEEN VERY
17 LIMITING, IN MANY WAYS. AND WHERE THESE TWO KINDS OF
18 POPULATIONS COME TOGETHER, IT'S BEEN PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT.
19 DIRECTOR KAY?

20

21 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THAT THAT'S
22 CERTAINLY AN ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO LOOK INTO. UNDERSTANDING
23 THAT THERE ARE SOME STRINGS ATTACHED TO CERTAIN CATEGORICAL
24 SOURCES OF FUNDING. SO I UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE TO LOOK AT WHAT

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1 THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE IS FOR THOSE SORTS OF FUNDING THAT ARE
2 NOT AS RESTRICTIVE AS SOME OF THE SOURCES ARE.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IF YOU ASK ANYONE DOING EARLY CHILDHOOD
5 EDUCATION, THEY'RE USED TO PUTTING TOGETHER 26 DIFFERENT TYPES
6 OF FUNDING IN ORDER TO GET ONE FOUR THE-YEAR-OLD A FULL DAY
7 SERVICE. SO IT IS SOMETHING UNFORTUNATELY WE'VE HAD TO DO. BUT
8 I THINK WHAT THE MOTION ASKS IS FOR US TO EXPLORE WAYS TO
9 REDUCE BARRIERS FOR PEOPLE THAT WE WOULD WANT TO SERVE TO GET
10 INTO HOUSING OF SOME KIND SOMEWHERE.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD. THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, THEN.

13

14 **BLAIR BESTEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BLAIR BESTEN.
15 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HISTORIC CORE BUSINESS
16 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. I'M ALSO A RESIDENT AND A SINGLE MOM
17 RAISING MY THREE-YEAR-OLD JUST A BLOCK FROM SKID ROW. SO I SEE
18 THIS EVERY DAY. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AND MY COMMUNITY.
19 FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS A DISTINGUISHED
20 EFFORT AS YOU SAID. AND I'M VERY PROUD TO BE HERE AND THANKING
21 YOU FOR THIS EFFORT AND ALSO THE CITY FOR THESE PLANS THAT
22 ARE-- WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THEM. WHAT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE
23 TODAY BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN SOME GREAT POINTS MADE ALREADY
24 IS ADEQUATE RESOURCES FOR BEDS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL AND A
25 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE

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1 IN CRISIS THAT ARE CYCLING THROUGH OUR HOSPITALS AND OUR
2 PRISONS AND JAILS, MAINLY THE PROCESS OF 72-HOUR HOLDS. MANY
3 PEOPLE REQUIRE AT LEAST UP TO 72 HOURS JUST TO GET STABILIZED.
4 AND THEN THEY HAVE CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS, ADDICTION,
5 DEBILITATING MENTAL ILLNESS. BUT THEY NEED AN OPTION TO
6 TRANSITION TO FACILITIES TO STABILIZE THEM ON A LONGER-TERM
7 BASIS, YOU KNOW, EVEN IF THEY LACK FAMILY TO MAKE THOSE
8 DECISIONS FOR THEM. AND THIS IS BEFORE PERMANENT HOUSING,
9 WHICH I THINK IS A GOAL THAT WE ALL WANT TO SEE. AND I
10 APPRECIATE THE RESOURCES THAT YOU'RE PUTTING FORTH TO THAT
11 END. BUT AS WE KNOW, THE COMMUNITIES AT LARGE, THE BUSINESSES,
12 L.A.P.D., THE RESIDENTS, JAILS ARE NOT EQUIPPED TO GIVE THESE
13 INDIVIDUALS THE CARE THAT THEY NEED. AND LIFE ON THE STREETS
14 AND JAIL IS INHUMANE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU COMMIT THE
15 ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO ENABLE THEM TO MAKE THE CHOICE FOR
16 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WHEN THEY FINALLY CAN OR TO ACT
17 AS CAREGIVERS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE NO LONGER VICTIMS OF THIS
18 CURRENT SYSTEM WE HAVE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **KATJA NELSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KATJA
23 NELSON AND I WORK IN THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIVISION AT
24 A.I.D.S. PROJECT LOS ANGELES AND I'M A MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY HOTLINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE H.I.V. HOUSING CARE

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1 CONTINUUM WORKGROUP, WHO I'M REPRESENTING TODAY. FIRST I
2 REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU AND APPLAUD YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE
3 STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR
4 WORKGROUP HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT THE UNITED WAY FORUM
5 IN JANUARY AND WE'RE VERY APPRECIATIVE THAT YOU'RE CONSIDERING
6 THE PRIORITIZATION OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.
7 IN HOUSING AS PART OF THIS STRATEGY. STABLE HOUSING IS ONE OF
8 THE MOST EFFECTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS TO REDUCE THE
9 TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS AND TO REDUCE VIRAL LOAD IN THE
10 COMMUNITY, AS DOCUMENTED BY H.U.D. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
11 HOW YOU PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE PRIORITIZATION OF PEOPLE
12 LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. INTO THE PLANNING PROCESS, HOW
13 THE COUNTY PLANS TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE WITH AND INFORM THE
14 COMMUNITY ON DEVELOPING PRIORITIZATION ACTIVITIES AND
15 STRATEGIES, INCLUDING WHICH SUPERVISORS ARE INTERESTED IN
16 LEADING AND MONITORING THE INITIATIVE. IN ORDER TO CREATE AN
17 A.I.D.S.-FREE GENERATION, THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY MUST
18 WORK TOGETHER. AND WE ASK THAT YOU STRONGLY CONSIDER THE VALUE
19 OF PRIORITIZING PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. AND
20 STRATEGY BOTH TO END HOMELESSNESS AND WORKING TOWARDS ENDING
21 THE H.I.V. EPIDEMIC. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL CALL UP THE NEXT
24 PANEL OF WITNESSES. DAVID HOWDEN. KATHERINE SWANSON. KATE
25 MEISS. NATHANIEL VERGROW.

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1

2 **KATHERINE SWANSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KATHERINE
3 SWANSON. I'M AN ATTORNEY ON THE STAFF OF 1736 FAMILY CRISIS
4 CENTER WHO, ALONG WITH A LARGE TEAM OF ATTORNEYS, SHELTER
5 WORKERS, MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, JOB DEVELOPERS, AND CASE
6 MANAGERS, SPECIALIZE SPECIFICALLY IN CARING FOR VERY
7 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AMONG THE HOMELESS. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF
8 THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES AND WE COMMEND YOUR EFFORTS TO
9 ADDRESS THE HUGE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS AND SOLVE IT. IT HAS
10 LONG BEEN KNOWN THAT CERTAIN SUBPOPULATIONS OF THE OF THE
11 HOMELESS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND CHILDREN REQUIRE
12 EXTREME MODELS OF CONFIDENTIALITY, PROFESSIONAL ATTENTION,
13 PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY AND SECURITY AND PROTECTION FROM IMMINENT
14 DANGER. WE ENCOURAGE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
15 TO PROVIDE LAW AND DIRECTIVE TO ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY
16 THAT WILL IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE POPULATION TO COMPLY WITH
17 CALIFORNIA STATE LAW AS SPELLED OUT IN A.B.2084, WHICH I'VE
18 ASKED THE SERGEANT AT ARMS TO DISTRIBUTE AND TO INCLUDE, AS
19 WELL, THE EQUALLY VULNERABLE LOCAL POPULATIONS IN OUR REGION
20 INCLUDING HOMELESS CHILDREN AND HOMELESS VICTIMS OF
21 TRAFFICKING. THESE LIVES ARE IN IMMEDIATE AND IMMINENT RISK OF
22 THREAT. THIS IS LONG-STANDING LEGISLATION. WE ASK THAT COUNTY
23 TO ADOPT AND REQUIRE BY LAW AND TO AFFIRMATIVELY STATE FOR
24 COMPLIANCE BY ALL DEPARTMENTS A SOUND AND COMPLETE PACKAGE
25 PROTECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE FOR LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT. WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
2 REGARDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE
3 AMENDMENT, HOWEVER WE FURTHER MOTION TO ADOPT THAT THE
4 HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES FOLLOW THE STATUTORY REGULATIONS AS
5 SET FORTH IN A.B.2084 WITH REGARDS TO HOMELESS DOMESTIC
6 VIOLENCE VICTIMS, HOMELESS CHILDREN WHO ARE UNACCOMPANIED BY
7 ADULTS AND HOMELESS VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

10

11 **DAVID HOWDEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID HOWDEN FROM THE
12 CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. C.S.H. IS A NATIONAL
13 NONPROFIT TO WORK WITH COMMUNITIES TO CREATE PERMANENT
14 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF MOST VULNERABLE
15 PEOPLE, MAXIMIZE PUBLIC RESOURCES AND BUILD HEALTHY
16 COMMUNITIES. AS A LONG TERM COUNTY WORKING WITH THE COUNTY TO
17 END HOMELESSNESS I WANT TO COMMEND YOU AND YOUR STAFF AS WELL
18 AS THAT OF THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VERY
19 INCLUSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, A PLAN THAT IS A TREMENDOUS
20 FIRST STEP IN SHIFTING HOW WE ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THE
21 COUNTY. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY A FIRST STEP TOWARD LOS ANGELES
22 JOINING OTHER JURISDICTIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY WHO ARE ENDING
23 HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT THIS
24 IS A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY AND ONE I HOPE YOU CAN AGREE CAN
25 ONLY BE REALIZED THROUGH SUSTAINED ATTENTION AND CONTINUED

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1 COMMITMENT. I THOUGHT IT WAS QUITE FITTING THIS MORNING'S
2 PRESENTATION STARTED WITH THAT ABOUT A MARATHON. I THINK THIS
3 IS MUCH MORE OF A MARATHON THAN IT IS A SPRINT. AND AS SUCH
4 WILL REQUIRE CONTINUED SUPPORT AS WELL AS CONTINUED RESOURCES,
5 ESPECIALLY TOWARDS INVESTMENTS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE
6 MUCH NEEDED SERVICES THAT PROVIDED ALONG WITH THE HOUSING,
7 OFFERS STABILITY AND DIGNITY FOR THOSE MOST IN NEED. AS YOU
8 WORK TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN, I ALSO YOU TO CONTINUE TO BROADEN
9 THE INPUT AND VOICES AT THE TABLE AS WAS SO IMPRESSIVELY DONE
10 DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN. AND TO EXPAND AND MAXIMIZE
11 INNOVATIVE IDEAS, PARTNERSHIPS AS WELL AS RESOURCES AVAILABLE
12 TO CARRY THEM OUT. THANK YOU AND AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS
13 MOMENTOUS OCCASION.

14
15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

16
17 **KATE MEISS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KATE MEISS. I'M AN
18 ATTORNEY WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY AND OUR ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROCESS THAT
20 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HELD AND WE SUPPORT THE COMPREHENSIVE
21 NATURE OF THE PLAN FROM PREVENTION TO INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES
22 FOR HOUSING TO WRAP-AROUND SERVICES FOR FORMERLY HOMELESS. WE
23 DO SHARE THE SAME CONCERNS EVERYBODY HAS TALKED ABOUT, WHICH
24 IS THE NEED FOR ONGOING FUNDING. TO THAT END, WE SUGGEST THAT
25 THE BOARD PRIORITIZE ITEMS THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO GENERATE

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1 ONGOING FUNDING AND TO BRING IN NEW FEDERAL DOLLARS TO THE
2 COUNTY. AND THAT INCLUDES EXPANSION OF THE INTERIM ASSISTANCE
3 REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR THOSE SEEKING S.S.I., THE CONCEPT OF
4 A NEW LINKAGE FEE. MEDICAID FUNDING FOR HOUSING. AND EXPANDED
5 S.S.I. ADVOCACY BASED ON THE VERY, VERY SUCCESSFUL B.E.S.T.
6 PROGRAM. WE ALSO COMMEND THE MOTION AND RECOGNIZE THE
7 IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE NEEDS AND SPECIAL NEEDS OF
8 POPULATIONS, MOST PARTICULARLY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS. IN
9 OUR COURT-BASED SELF-HELP CENTERS AND OUR LEGAL WORK EVERY
10 DAY, WE SEE THE INEXTRICABLE LINK BETWEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
11 AND HOMELESSNESS. FINALLY, WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE C.E.O.'S
12 OFFICE AND PHIL ANSELL IN PARTICULAR FOR THE OPENNESS OF THE
13 PROCESS AND FOR THE INCLUSION OF A BROAD BASE OF COMMUNITY
14 GROUPS, AND WE HOPE THAT THAT CONTINUES AS THE COUNTY MOVES
15 FORWARD TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OFFERING
16 WHATEVER ASSISTANCE WE CAN AND TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY.
17 THANK YOU.

18
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

20
21 **NATHANIEL VERGROW:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME THE IS NATHANIEL
22 VERGROW. I'M HERE TODAY AS BOTH A CITIZEN OF DISTRICT 5 AND AS
23 A MEMBER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HOMELESS COALITION. I'M
24 ALSO A MANAGER OF THE C.E.S. OUTREACH TEAM AT L.A. FAMILY
25 HOUSING. THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF OUR TEAMS AT L.A. FAMILY

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1 HOUSING AND THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF ALL THE
2 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE S.P.A. 2, C.E.S., WE'VE
3 BEEN ABLE TO HOUSE MORE THAN 220 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS
4 INDIVIDUALS AND VETERANS JUST SINCE JULY OF THIS PAST YEAR.
5 THE WORK WE'VE DONE THROUGH C.E.S. TO DATE HAS PRIMARILY BEEN
6 FUNDED THROUGH PRIVATE FUNDS FROM THE UNITED WAY AND HILTON
7 FOUNDATION, SO I'M EXTREMELY EXCITED TO SEE THAT THE CITY AND
8 COUNTY ARE NOW TAKING STEPS TOWARDS THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT
9 THAT IS NEEDED TO MAKE A SERIOUS IMPACT ON THIS ISSUE THAT HAS
10 BECOME A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD
11 AND ESPECIALLY PHIL ANSELL FOR CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,
12 FOR COORDINATING WITH THE CITY OF L.A. AS WELL AS THE OTHER 87
13 CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY AND ESPECIALLY FOR SOLICITING THE
14 COMMUNITY INPUT THAT WAS USED IN DEVELOPING THIS PLAN. AND
15 MOST IMPORTANTLY, I THINK FOR PUTTING IMMEDIATE FUNDING INTO
16 THE PLAN. I WOULD ASK, HOWEVER, THAT YOU MAKE CERTAIN THIS IS
17 NOT A ONE TIME INVESTMENT AND THAT YOU FIGURE OUT A WAY TO
18 ENSURE THAT FUNDING WILL BE ONGOING AT THE EXPANDED LEVELS
19 NOTED IN THE COUNTY'S OWN REPORT. THIS CANNOT BE A ONE TIME
20 EXPENDITURE. ADDITIONALLY I WOULD LIKE THE CALL QUICK
21 ATTENTION TO AN ISSUE IN THE SAN FERNANDO AND SANTA CLARITA
22 VALLEYS. WE CURRENTLY ONLY HAVE ABOUT 275 SHELTER BEDS YEAR
23 ROUND AND WE'RE GOING TO BE LOSING 130 OF THOSE AS WE LOSE
24 FUNDING FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. WITH AN ESTIMATE IN THE LAST

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1 COUNT OF OVER 5,000 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN THAT AREA. CLEARLY
2 THERE'S A LACK OF SHELTER BEDS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'LL CALL UP DORA JACILDO.
5 CHRIS BACA, JAMES CHUD. JUDY GORDON AND WILL WATTS.

6

7 **DORA JACILDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DORA JACILDO,
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH ASIAN HELP LINE AND REFERRAL
9 AGENCY IN THE CITY OF ARTESIA. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK YOU SO
10 MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO PARTICIPATE IN IN PROCESS. THIS IS A
11 VERY EXCITING DAY FOR ME. I'VE BEEN IN HOMELESS SERVICES FOR
12 12 YEARS, AND SO I'M VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE'RE STARTING. I
13 WANTED TO SHARE TWO THINGS. ONE IS THAT, ON MY WAY IN, I WAS
14 TALKING TO SUSAN PRICE FROM THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. SHE SHARED
15 WITH ME THAT 40 PERCENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING
16 HOMELESS HAVE A HISTORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. SO I REALLY WANT
17 TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR INCLUDING
18 LANGUAGE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS PART OF THIS PLAN. IT IS JUST
19 SO INTERRELATED AND IT'S A HUGE CONCERN FOR US. THE OTHER
20 THING I WANTED TO COMMENT ON IS THE FILM. THE FILM IS
21 HEARTBREAKING. WE TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AS A PUBLIC HEALTH
22 ISSUE AS A COMMUNITY HEALTH ISSUE. AT THE END OF THAT DAY THAT
23 FILM IS HEARTBREAKING. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS
24 THINKING ABOUT WHEN I WAS WATCHING THE FILM IS THAT D.V. IS
25 MISSING IN THAT FILM. WHAT IT WOULD INCLUDE TO INCLUDE D.V.

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1 WOULD A LOT OF SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS. WE COULDN'T PUT A D.V.
2 SURVIVOR IN THAT FILM WITHOUT THINKING OF THE CONSEQUENCES.
3 THERE'S A HIDDEN POPULATION THAT'S PART OF THE HOMELESS
4 COMMUNITY THAT IS HIDDEN BECAUSE IT'S NOT SAFE AND BECAUSE WE
5 KNOW IT'S NOT SAFE, WE HAVE TO ADVOCATE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T BE
6 HERE. EARLIER A GENTLEMAN BROUGHT IN TWO DYNAMIC YOUNG PEOPLE
7 AND SAID I'M NOT GOING TO SPEAK FOR YOU. YOU HAVE A VOICE. WE
8 CAN'T DO THAT. WE CAN'T BRING OUR CUSTOMERS, OUR PARTICIPANTS,
9 OUR FAMILIES HERE TO HAVE A VOICE BECAUSE IT'S NOT SAFE. SO
10 THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KNABE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR
11 RECOGNIZING THAT, FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE, FOR PRESENTING
12 AN INCREDIBLE FILM AND FOR ALLOWING ME TO SAY SOMETHING WAS
13 MISSING IN THAT FILM AND IT'S MISSING BECAUSE IT'S NOT SAFE.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

16

17 **JUDY GORDON:** MY NAME IS JUDY GORDON AND I'M WITH RAINBOW
18 SERVICES. WE PROVIDE SHELTER AND SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC
19 VIOLENCE VICTIMS IN THE SAN PEDRO, SOUTH BAY AREA. AND I'VE
20 BEEN IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BUSINESS FOR 30 YEARS, ON THIS
21 COAST AND THE EAST COAST. I APPLAUD EVERYBODY HERE FOR DOING
22 THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO TAKE CARE OF HOMELESSNESS.
23 AS DORA SAID JUST BEFORE, THERE IS SOMETHING MISSING FROM THAT
24 FILM AND IT CANNOT BE SHOWN IN THAT FILM. AND EVERYBODY WHO
25 WORKS TO HELP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS KNOWS THAT THE VICTIMS

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1 CAN'T THANK THEM AND THEY CAN NEVER SEE THE PEOPLE THAT THEY
2 HELP. NONETHELESS, WE DO KNOW THAT TRANSITIONAL HOUSING WORKS.
3 IT MAY NOT WORK FOR OTHER POPULATIONS, BUT IT WORKS FOR D.V
4 .VICTIMS. AND WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO GET THOSE FUNDING SOURCES
5 TOGETHER AND WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO COME UP WITH THE PLAN,
6 THERE IS NO "THE PLAN", THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT PLANS
7 BECAUSE EACH ONE CAN AFFECT A DIFFERENT POPULATION, AND WE
8 NEED TO KEEP THAT IN MIND. AND RIGHT NOW TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
9 PROGRAMS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGENCIES ARE IN DANGER. THEY
10 WILL BE CLOSED. WE'VE LOST A LOT OF BEDS ALREADY. WE CAN'T
11 AFFORD TO LOSE ANYMORE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. THANK
12 YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR PUTTING IN THIS WONDERFUL AWARENESS
13 AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

14
15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

16
17 **CHRIS BACA:** I'M CHRIS BACA. I'M CHAIR OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
18 ANGELES MEALS ON WHEELS ASSOCIATION AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
19 MEALS ON WHEELS WEST AND SANTA MONICA. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK
20 THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE SUPPORT OF MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAMS IN
21 L.A. COUNTY IN THE PAST. LAST YEAR WE SERVED OVER 3 MILLION
22 MEALS IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TAKES INTO
23 ACCOUNT THE ROLE THAT SOCIAL AGENCIES, NONPROFITS CAN PLAY IN
24 THIS PLAN. SO WE SUPPORT HOUSING AS THE FIRST PRIORITY, BUT WE
25 NEED WRAP-AROUND SERVICES WHEN PEOPLE GET INTO HOUSING, THEY

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1 HAVE TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO STAY THERE. MEALS ON WHEELS CAN
2 PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THAT PROGRAM BY PROVIDING HEALTHY
3 MEALS THAT HELP KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOUSES. OUR DAILY
4 WELLNESS CHECK WHERE PEOPLE SEE HOW PEOPLE ARE DOING EVERY DAY
5 CAN REALLY HELP. YOU CAN REFER PEOPLE TO OTHER SERVICES. THE
6 MORE THAN 30 MEMBERS OF COUNTY OF L.A. MEALS ON WHEELS
7 ASSOCIATION ARE EAGER TO COLLABORATE AND HELP THIS HOMELESS
8 EFFORTS IN ANY WAY WE CAN. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK U.S.C. FOR
9 FUNDING A PILOT PROGRAM TO FEED NEWLY HOUSED VETERANS OUT ON
10 THE WEST SIDE. AND, AGAIN, I'D URGE YOU TO REMEMBER ALL THE
11 GOOD THAT NONPROFITS CAN DO, NOT JUST MEALS ON WHEELS BUT ALL
12 THE OTHER NONPROFIT AGENCIES. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

15

16 **WILL WATTS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WILL WATTS. I'M THE
17 DIRECTING ATTORNEY FOR THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION LAW PROJECT
18 AT PUBLIC COUNSEL. LET ME BEGIN BY EXPRESSING MY APPRECIATION
19 FOR THE THOROUGH AND INCLUSIVE PROCESS THAT THE COUNTY ENGAGED
20 IN UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PHIL ANSELL TO DEVELOP THIS
21 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE DEGREE OF INPUT FROM CITIES, COMMUNITY
22 MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS TRULY
23 REMARKABLE. WE ARE ALSO PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE INITIAL
24 FUNDING IDENTIFIED FROM A VARIETY OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL
25 SOURCES TO SUBSIDIZE THESE STRATEGIES. BUT IN ADDITION TO

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1 ACKNOWLEDGING OUR SUPPORT, I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO MAKE TWO
2 SPECIFIC REQUESTS. FIRST, WE URGE YOU TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO
3 ENSURE ONGOING FUNDING FOR THIS PLAN AT THE LEVELS SET FORTH
4 IN THE HOUSING GAP ANALYSIS. AS ACKNOWLEDGED BY SEVERAL OF YOU
5 TODAY, WE CANNOT SETTLE FOR JUST A ONE TIME EXPENDITURE.
6 SECOND, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE REALIZE THE GOALS OF THE
7 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WE INSIST THAT THERE CONTINUE TO BE
8 SPECIFIC TIMEFRAMES ESTABLISHED FOR THE STRATEGIES YOU'RE
9 ASKED TO APPROVE TODAY. WE RESPECT THAT THE PLAN CONTEMPLATES
10 PERIODIC REPORTS, BUT STRONGLY INSIST THAT FIRM DEADLINES FOR
11 MEETINGS, WORK PLANS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAME BE
12 ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD TO ENSURE THAT THIS WORK IS
13 COMPLETED. AGAIN, PUBLIC COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS COMPREHENSIVE
14 PLAN TOGETHER WITH TODAY'S MOTIONS 8, 9 AND 47-A, REQUEST THAT
15 YOU APPROVE THEM TODAY AND STAND READY TO PARTNER WITH YOU IN
16 THESE EFFORTS TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS TO FUNCTIONAL ZERO
17 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

20

21 **JAMES CHUD:** YES. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JIM CHUD AND I LIVE
22 IN DISTRICT 3, AND I AM A 39-YEAR SURVIVOR OF H.I.V.
23 INFECTION. I AM ON BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL BOARDS AND
24 COMMISSIONS TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST THAT DEAL WITH AFFORDABLE
25 HOUSING. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME

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1 SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY BECAUSE I HAVE TO SAY, I BELIEVE IT IS
2 PRETTY IMPORTANT. AS A VOLUNTEER FOR THE COUNTY'S HOUSING AND
3 HEALTH INITIATIVE, I TELL THE STORY OF HOUSING HEALTH TO BOTH
4 REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MEETINGS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. DR. KATZ
5 REFERS TO ME AS THEIR HOUSING AMBASSADOR. SO WHY AM I HERE?
6 BECAUSE AS I DRIVE AROUND THE CITY, I KEEP ASKING MYSELF: I
7 SEE ALL OF THESE BIG HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE GOING UP.
8 THEY'RE HALF BUILT. THEY'RE ABOUT TO BE BUILT. THEY'RE JUST
9 BUILT. AND I THINK NOT ONE OF THOSE UNITS IS SET ASIDE AS
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. NOT ONE OF THOSE DEVELOPERS PAYS ONE CENT
11 INTO A POOL TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WHY IS IT THAT WE'RE
12 THE ONLY COUNTY ANYWHERE NEAR A SIZE IN THIS NATION THAT
13 DOESN'T HAVE A SET ASIDE PLAN. THESE DEVELOPERS ARE MAKING A
14 LOT OF MONEY. WHY DON'T THEY ANTE UP AND PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE
15 LIKE THEY DO EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE NATION? YOU KNOW IT'S A
16 PRIVILEGE TO BUILD HOUSING IN OUR CITY AT THIS TIME: WEST
17 HOLLYWOOD DOES IT. SANTA MONICA DOES IT. BUT THE CITY OF LOS
18 ANGELES DOES NOT. AND I THINK THAT SHOULD CHANGE.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR.

21
22 **JAMES CHUD:** THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ERIC PREVEN, WENDY LEVIN, MARSHA
25 TEMPLE. TULYNN SMYLIE.

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1

2 **ERIC PREVEN:** I WANT TO THANK THIS MAN-- IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM
3 THE THIRD DISTRICT-- FOR BRINGING UP A VERY SALIENT POINT,
4 WHICH IS THAT WE HAVE A MANDATE FROM OUR MAYOR ACROSS THE
5 STREET WHO WASN'T ABLE TO MAKE IT HIMSELF TO THIS MEETING
6 TODAY TO INCREASE LIKE CRAZY HOUSING, PERIOD. AND WHAT WE'RE
7 DOING, UNFORTUNATELY, IS PILING UP LUXURY CONDOS IN MY
8 DISTRICT. AND IT IS SO PAINFUL BECAUSE THESE GUYS ARE, A,
9 THEY'RE MANIPULATING THE SYSTEM TO INCREASE DENSITY, GET ALL
10 SORTS OF BONUSES THAT THE FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE ASSEMBLY
11 PUT TOGETHER FOR THEM. BUT HERE WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY HELP
12 FROM THESE GUYS. THEY DON'T WANT TO HELP. AND IT'S VERY, VERY
13 WORRISOME. THE OTHER THING WHICH I HAVE TO REFERENCE AS MUCH
14 AS EVERYBODY IS FOCUSED ON THE APPRECIATION PIECE, AS AM I, WE
15 HAVE ON AUGUST 17TH I THINK WE BROUGHT MR. ANSELL IN AGAIN.
16 HE'S BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME. BUT ON AUGUST 11, YOU VIOLATED
17 THE BROWN ACT AMONG TALKING ABOUT DIVERSION AND BROUGHT IN A
18 CRAZY BILLION DOLLAR JAIL PLAN THAT NOBODY IS GOING TO SEE FOR
19 YEARS. WE'RE GOING TO DO SOME BOND FUNDING WITH SACHI HAMAI'S
20 ESTEEMED LEADERSHIP. THAT'S WHERE HER SKILLS ARE SET. AND WE
21 HAVE TO DO THAT IN A DIFFERENT MANNER AFTER WE HAVE REDUCED
22 THE POPULATION. WE NEED REDUCTION BEFORE CONSTRUCTION IS THE
23 CATCH PHRASE. THAT REALLY IS IMPORTANT. THAT IS THE SOURCE OF
24 THE MONEY THAT YOU NEED. YOU HAVE \$150 MILLION, \$150 ONE-
25 TIME, IT IS NOTHING. THESE PEOPLE ARE GREAT PEOPLE. THEY ARE

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1 GOING TO WORK HARD. THEY WILL SPEND EVERY NICKEL THAT THEY CAN
2 TO MAKE THIS PROBLEM BETTER. BUT NONE OF IT WILL BE BETTER
3 UNTIL WE FIND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE POPULATION
4 THAT NEED IT THE MOST. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

7

8 **WENDY LEVIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WENDY COLEMAN LEVIN.
9 I'M A MEMBER OF THE HOME FOR GOOD BUSINESS LEADERS TASKFORCE.
10 I CURATE THE FACES OF HOMELESSNESS ART SHOW WE WERE EXHIBITING
11 HERE THIS MORNING. AND I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF COACHING
12 PREVIOUSLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP THEIR PERSONAL
13 NARRATIVES TO BECOME ADVOCATES FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THROUGH
14 THE SPEAKUP ADVOCATES PROGRAM WHO YOU HEARD FROM TODAY. AS
15 SUCH I.S.E. LOS ANGELES TRAVELED THIS JOURNEY OF ADDRESSING
16 HOMELESSNESS AND I AM TREMENDOUSLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE PACKAGE
17 OF STRATEGIES THAT THE COUNTY HAS SET FORTH. I APPRECIATE THE
18 EFFORTS MADE TO SOLICIT COMMUNITY INPUT, TO CREATE A TRULY
19 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TO PUT IMMEDIATE FUNDING INTO IT AND TO
20 COORDINATE WITH THE CITY OF L.A. AS WELL AS THE REPORT THE
21 FRAMEWORK FOR THE OTHER 87 CITIES. I YOU TO PASS THIS PLAN AND
22 TO FUND IT LONG TERM AT THE LEVEL SUGGESTED IN THE COUNTY'S
23 HOUSING GAP REPORT. IT HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE AND I WILL SAY IT
24 AGAIN, THIS CANNOT BE A ONE TIME EXPENDITURE. PLEASE, CONTINUE

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1 INVESTING. CONTINUE HOUSING AND CONTINUE PARTNERING WITH THE
2 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT WITNESS.

5

6 **TULYNN SMYLIE:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS TULYNN SMYLIE. I'M A
7 DIRECTOR AT CENTER FOR THE PACIFIC ASIAN FAMILY. WE PROVIDE
8 BOTH SHELTER AND COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS
9 OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE HAVE LOCATIONS IN BOTH SUPERVISOR
10 KUEHL'S AND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S DISTRICT, BUT WE SERVE ALL OF
11 L.A. COUNTY. BUT I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE SHELTER DIRECTOR'S
12 COMMITTEE OF THE L.A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL. SO PEOPLE
13 HAVE ALREADY BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF
14 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND SO I'M GOING GO INTO A LITTLE
15 BIT MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE SAFETY NEEDS. IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS,
16 MY AGENCY ALONE HAD TO EITHER DO AN EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN OR AN
17 EMERGENCY TRANSFER FOR 6 VICTIMS WHO WERE RELOCATED BY THEIR
18 ABUSERS IN ONE OF OUR LOCATIONS INCLUDING ONE THAT HAPPENED
19 TWO WEEKS AGO WHERE THE BATTERER TRACKED THE CHILDREN THROUGH
20 THE NEW SCHOOL THAT THE CHILDREN WERE ATTENDING AND WERE ABLE
21 THEN TO FOLLOW THE CHILDREN BACK TO OUR LOCATION. WE HAVE A
22 STORY WITHIN THE PAST YEAR OF A SURVIVOR WHO WENT TO OUR
23 EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR THREE MONTHS, TRANSITIONED TO OUR
24 TRANSITIONAL SHELTER FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10 MONTHS, WHERE WE
25 PROVIDED HER WITH EDUCATION, ENGLISH CLASSES. SHE TOOK

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1 CLASSES. SHE WAS ABLE TO LOCATE AND OBTAIN A JOB. BUT THE
2 BATTERER FOUND HER AGAIN THROUGH MANIPULATION OF THE CHILDREN.
3 AND HE THEN PROCEEDED TO CALL HER EMPLOYMENT 40 TO 50 TIMES A
4 DAY UNTIL SHE LOST HER JOB. AND IN LOSING HER JOB, SHE THEN
5 ALSO HAD TO FIND A NEW PLACE TO LIVE AND A WAY TO PAY FOR
6 THAT. SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS WHILE THE PLAN IS WONDERFUL AND
7 WHILE I THOROUGHLY SUPPORT THE MOTIONS FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL
8 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE TO ADD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS
9 SPECIFICALLY TO THE INITIATIVE, WE HAVE TO DO MORE THAN THAT.
10 WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS AS A LONG-TERM STRATEGY. AND ONE-TIME
11 FUNDING OF \$100 MILLION ISN'T GOING TO DO IT. WE'LL BE BACK IN
12 10 MORE YEARS. BE BACK HERE ASKING FOR THE SAME THING.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE MORE WITNESSES,
15 MA'AM. THANK YOU. MARSHA STEMPEL, DOCTOR GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
16 RUBY SMITH. THERESA WINKLER.

17

18 **THERESA WINKLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS THERESA WINKLER,
19 AND I'M A REPRESENTATIVE OF RUN. I LIVE IN THE SKID ROW AREA.
20 AND I SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AND DRUG ADDICTION AND ALL
21 SORTS OF THINGS. BUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING HAS HELPED ME FOCUS ON
22 MY MENTAL ILLNESS AND MY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS. SO I'VE
23 BEEN CLEAN FOR 10 YEARS. AND I'VE BEEN HEALTHY MENTALLY FOR,
24 WE WON'T TALK ABOUT THAT. BUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT IS WHAT
25 WE NEED BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT HERE, ESPECIALLY

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1 WOMEN, WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE SUFFERING FROM, WE
2 DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS BECAUSE
3 WE'RE WALKING AROUND IN A DAZE. AND WE NEED-- WHEN PEOPLE COME
4 OUT TO TALK TO US, HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SUFFERING FROM
5 IF YOU'RE NOT CLEAR IN THE BRAIN, YOU KNOW? SO TO ME, THE
6 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WITH SPEAKING UP AND SPEAKING OUT FOR
7 WOMEN IS MY BIGGEST THING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **RUBY SMITH:** HI, MY NAME IS RUBY SMITH AND I'M HERE TO
12 REPRESENT OUR COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS RUN AND C.S.H. I'M A
13 VOLUNTEER FOR ALL OF THOSE, FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND TO LET
14 YOU KNOW WHAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PERMANENT HOUSING HAS
15 DONE FOR MY LIFE, I WAS AN ALCOHOLIC ADDICT AND I WAS OUT
16 THERE FOR YEARS, HOMELESS. BY ME HAVING PERMANENT HOUSING, MY
17 LIFE IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT IT USED TO BE. I'M ABLE TO
18 GIVE BACK AND I'M ABLE TO-- I WENT AND SPOKE IN SACRAMENTO AT
19 THE STATE CAPITOL TO SHARE MY STORY WITH THEM. AND I'VE BEEN
20 TO SEVERAL MEETINGS LIKE THIS HERE. AND I ALSO SPONSOR PEOPLE.
21 I ALSO DO THE MARATHON WALKS, YOU KNOW, FOR THE HOMELESS. AND
22 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE, YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY ELSE TO BE ABLE
23 TO GET WHAT I HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH BY HAVING A PERMANENT
24 HOUSE. WHEN I STICK MY KEY IN THAT DOOR AND WALK INSIDE, THE
25 PEACE THAT I HAVE, THE SURRENDER THAT I HAVE. I'M A PERSON

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1 THAT DIDN'T HAVE NO PURPOSE IN LIFE. I HATED MYSELF AND I
2 HATED LIFE. BUT TODAY BECAUSE OF PERMANENT HOUSING, I'M ABLE
3 TO HAVE SOME PEACE. I'M ABLE TO LOVE MYSELF. I'M ABLE TO LOVE
4 MY NEIGHBORS AND I'M ABLE TO GIVE BACK FREELY WHAT WAS SO
5 GIVEN TO ME. AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JAIMIE GARCIA, ARNOLD
8 SACHS, STEPHON BECKAM, DAVID HARPER, CONSTANCE BREHM AND CHRIS
9 KO. GO AHEAD, SIR.

10

11 **DAVID HARPER:** MY NAME IS DAVID HARPER. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE
12 SEEN MY FAMILIAR FACE SITTING OUT THERE ON THAT BENCH EVERY
13 MORNING. AND SO I'M NOT A STRANGER TO YOU. YOU KNOW THAT I'M
14 NOT A DRUG ADDICT. YOU KNOW THAT I'M NOT AN ALCOHOLIC. I'M
15 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. AND THERE'S A REASON WHY I SIT ON THAT
16 BENCH. SO THESE MEETINGS COULD BECOME ACTIVE WITHIN OUR LIVES.
17 WITHOUT THE HOMELESS IN THESE MEETINGS, YOUR PLANS WILL NOT
18 WORK. SO YOU COULD HAVE A STACK, YOU COULD HAVE ONE PIECE OF
19 PAPER. WITHOUT THE HOMELESS ACTIVATING WHAT YOU HAVE SET FOR
20 US AND WHAT YOU HAVE FORMED FOR US TO HAVE, IF WE'RE NOT HERE
21 TO RECEIVE THAT, YOU'RE BEATING A DEAD HORSE. I SIMPLY REFUSE
22 TO GIVE UP MY AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. I HAVE BEEN
23 TAKEN OFF OF THAT BENCH TO JAIL PUBLICLY. I HAVE BEEN REMOVED
24 FROM THIS BUILDING PUBLICLY. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO TO
25 FIGHT FOR THE FREEDOM THAT HOMELESS PEOPLE HAVE IN THIS

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1 COUNTRY. IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN HOMELESS, YOU HAVE NO IDEA
2 WHAT WE GO THROUGH. IT'S NOT HATRED, FOLKS, IT'S FEAR THAT
3 KEEPS US AWAY FROM HAVING WHAT WE NEED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

6

7 **STEPHON BECKAM:** MY NAME IS STEPHON BECKAM. AND I HEARD THE GUY
8 THAT BROUGHT THE TWO YOUNG GUYS UP HERE. FIRST OF ALL, Y'ALL
9 GOT ALL THESE PLANS IN PLACE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE. I TALK TO
10 THE YOUNG CHILDREN EVERY DAY, HUNDREDS OF THEM. AND 7 OUT OF
11 10 OF THEM CAME FROM D.C.F.S. AND AIN'T NOBODY SPOKE ABOUT
12 D.C.F.S. MAKING PEOPLE HOMELESS. D.C.F.S. IS ATTACKING
13 FAMILIES AND MAKING FAMILIES HOMELESS. THEY ARE TAKING
14 PEOPLE'S KIDS. THEN KEEPING THEIR KIDS. AND THEN TURNING THESE
15 YOUNG MEN INTO HOMELESS PEOPLE AFTER THEY GET OUT OF D.C.F.S.
16 ALSO, THEY TURN THE PARENTS HOMELESS. SO WHERE IS THE GROUNDS
17 FOR Y'ALL TALKING ABOUT THEM STATISTICS? BECAUSE I TALK TO
18 PEOPLE AND I JUST TALK TO THEM OUTSIDE, TOO. AND HE SAID
19 ALMOST ALL THE PEOPLE THAT'S AT HIS SHELTER DONE CAME FROM THE
20 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. AND I TALK TO PEOPLE ON THE STREET. SO 7
21 OUT OF 10 CAME FROM THE FOSTER SYSTEM. HOW Y'ALL HELPING THOSE
22 CHILDREN? BECAUSE THAT'S THE WHOLE BIG MAJORITY OF THE
23 HOMELESS PEOPLE ON THE STREETS RIGHT NOW. YOUNG CHILDREN 18 TO
24 25 THAT DONE CAME FROM FOSTER CARE.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JAIME?

2

3 **JAIME GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JAIME GARCIA WITH THE HOSPITAL
5 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
6 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REPRESENTS OVER 85 HOSPITALS IN THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE
8 COMMENT ON THE STRATEGIES TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. BUT WE ALSO
9 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INPUT BY THE
10 POLICY SUMMIT THAT WAS LED BY PHIL ANSELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
11 FOR THE TIME THAT WAS INVESTED INTO THIS PLAN. YOU KNOW, THE
12 MAGNITUDE AND CONTINUED GROWTH IN HOMELESSNESS REQUIRES BOTH A
13 COORDINATED AND SUSTAINED LONG TERM EFFORT TO EFFECTIVELY
14 ADDRESS THE COMPLEX SOCIAL ISSUE. INSUFFICIENT COMMUNITY
15 RESOURCES THAT PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR
16 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IS AN ENORMOUS CHALLENGE FOR HOSPITALS.
17 THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS, OR C.E.S., WHEN PROPERLY
18 RESOURCED AND STAFF, CAN BE INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING CASE
19 MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TO THE DIFFERENT HOMELESS POPULATIONS, EACH
20 WITH THEIR OWN UNIQUE NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH ARE IN
21 NEED OF COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES. THE SYSTEM CAN BUILD ON THE
22 NO WRONG DOOR CONCEPT WHERE PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED TO THE
23 APPROPRIATE HOUSING, HEALTH AND COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL
24 SERVICES PROGRAMS AND ALLOW AGENCIES TO COORDINATE BEHIND THE
25 SCENES IN TERMS OF CASE MANAGING THE INDIVIDUAL. HOSPITALS WHO

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1 HAVE ENGAGED IN THEIR LOCAL C.E.S. HAVE REPORTED THAT THE
2 SYSTEM, WHEN PROPERLY RESOURCED, CAN SERVE AS A CENTRALIZED
3 ONE STOP CENTER FOR CASE MANAGERS AND DISCHARGE PLANNERS.
4 WHILE THE 47 RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES ARE ALL WORTHY OF
5 IMPLEMENTATION GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS PROBLEM, I AM
6 PLEASED THAT HAD THE SUBSIDY FOR HOMELESS DISABLED INDIVIDUALS
7 PURSUING S.S.I., RAPID REHOUSING, BRIDGE HOUSING AND HOUSING
8 CHOICE VOUCHERS ARE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN,
9 SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND LOOK FORWARD TO COLLABORATING
10 WITH THE COUNTY ON THIS EFFORT.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
13 PLEASE.

14

15 **CONSTANCE BREHM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M CONSTANCE BREHM. I'M WITH
16 THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS. YOU
17 HEARD FROM SOME OF OUR FOLKS EARLIER IN THE PROGRAM ON THE
18 AGENDA. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. I'M ALSO
19 A NURSING PROFESSOR AT AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY. AND I FIRST
20 BECAME INVOLVED TAKING CARE OF THE HOMELESS. I TOOK MY NURSING
21 STUDENTS IN COMMUNITY HEALTH OUT TO SEE WHAT WE COULD DO FOR
22 PEOPLE AT THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM OF THE SAN GABRIEL
23 VALLEY, EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COALITION. AND THAT WAS 18
24 YEARS AGO AND I'VE BEEN WORKING EVERY YEAR SINCE THEN AS A
25 NURSE IN THE SHELTER AS WELL AS GETTING MORE INVOLVED IN

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1 TRYING TO LEAD THE EFFORT. THE REASON IS THE STORIES THAT I'VE
2 HEARD OF WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGHOUT THERE. AND I
3 HAVE TO SAY ALMOST EVERYBODY THAT COMES TO OUR SHELTER IS
4 VULNERABLE IN SOME WAY. WE'VE HAD NEWBORNS COME TO OUR
5 SHELTER. WE'VE HAD, OUR OLDEST CLIENT WAS 92 YEARS OLD. RIGHT
6 NOW WE HAVE FAMILIES THAT COME. WE HAVE NO MOTEL VOUCHERS TO
7 GIVE THEM. WE RAN VERY LOW ON FUNDING. WE HAD A BIG CAMPAIGN.
8 WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY FOR FAMILIES.
9 WE'RE SHORT OF MONEY FOR FAMILIES RIGHT NOW. WE HAD TO CLOSE
10 OUR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDING.
11 IT JUST CLOSED THIS MONTH. BUT WE'RE HOPING TO GET SOME
12 FUNDING FROM-- THROUGH SOME OF YOU, MAYBE COMING UP. SO WE'RE
13 DESPERATE FOR HELP OUT IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. I JUST WANT TO
14 CALL ATTENTION TO THAT. I AM A RESIDENT OUT THERE. AND WE HAVE
15 JUST AS BIG A PROBLEM AS SKID ROW. IT'S JUST SPREAD OUT OVER
16 400 SQUARE MILES.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING. ARNOLD SACHS?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD
21 SACHS. AND SO I PICKED UP A COPY OF YOUR REPORT, WHICH IS
22 THIS. AND I JUST BROUGHT ALONG A COPY OF ALL THE INFORMATION
23 I'VE COLLECTED OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS REGARDING
24 HOMELESS ARTICLES IN THE L.A. TIMES AND INITIATIVES THAT THE
25 COUNTY HAS DONE. GO BACK TO WELL ACTUALLY THERE'S ONE ARTICLE

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1 THAT DR. JAMES HAN PLANNED IN 2003. BUT COUNTY ACTIONS 2007.
2 SO WHERE YOU BEEN? WHERE YOU BEEN? EVERYBODY COMING UP HERE
3 CONGRATULATING YOU ON DOING WHAT? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? IN 2003,
4 WHAT DO YOU THINK THE COUNTY BUDGET WAS? ABOUT 19 BILLION? 20
5 BILLION? THIS YEAR THE COUNTY'S BUDGET IS \$27 BILLION? SO
6 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 7, \$8 BILLION INCREASE. WHAT HAVE YOU
7 DONE? YOU READ THE STORIES ABOUT C.R.A., OH WE CAN'T DO
8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO WHEN THERE WAS C.R.A. FUNDING THERE WAS
9 NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUILT IN DOWNTOWN L.A. NOW THERE'S NO
10 C.R.A. FUNDING IN DOWNTOWN L.A. AND THEY'RE BUILDING
11 CONDOMINIUMS ALL OVER THE PLACE. YOU CAN'T GO TWO BLOCKS
12 WITHOUT RUNNING INTO A HIGH-RISE. WHERE YOU BEEN? YOU'RE NOT
13 ANSWERING. YOU KNOW, YOU'RE ALWAYS SO UP AND DA DA DA. LAST
14 WEEK, BY THE WAY, MISS SOLIS, THEY DID A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF
15 A SHELTER IN SANTA CLARITA. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU ASK FOR A
16 FEASIBILITY STUDY IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND REAL QUICK,
17 MISS KUEHL, YOU QUOTED T.S. ELLIOTT. RALPH WALDO EMERSON SAID
18 "THE MORE YOU TALK OF YOUR HONOR, THE CLOSER I COUNTED THE
19 SILVERWARE."

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE?

22

23 **CHRIS KO:** CHRIS KO, DIRECTOR OF SYSTEMS AND INNOVATION UNITED
24 WAY AND RESIDENT OF THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. I FIGURED I

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1 WASN'T GOING TO SPEAK, BUT I'VE BEEN HERE FIVE HOURS AND I
2 THOUGHT-- [LAUGHTER.] -- MIGHT AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

5

6 **CHRIS KO:** SO I JUST WANT TO SAY FIVE YEARS AGO BEFORE
7 LAUNCHING HOME FOR GOOD WHEN WE VISITED WASHINGTON, D.C., WHEN
8 WE WERE ADVOCATING FOR MORE FEDERAL FUNDING, THEY LITERALLY
9 SCOFFED AT US AND SAID OUR REGIONAL POLITICS WERE INTRACTABLE.
10 SO FOR US TO BE HERE TODAY AND WHAT YOU ALL ARE PREPARED TO
11 PASS TODAY IS A MONUMENTAL MOMENT. I MEAN THE PASSAGE ITSELF
12 WOULD BE A VICTORY, BUT THE FACT THAT YOU'VE DONE IT IN LOCK
13 STEP WITH THE OTHER CITIES AND WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, THAT
14 IS WHAT'S REALLY WORTH NOTING AND CELEBRATING. AND I
15 APPRECIATE THE FRUSTRATION AND THE CONCERNS. NO PLAN IS EVER
16 PERFECT. BUT THIS IS-- YOU HAVE TO PLAN TO TAKE ACTION. I
17 APPRECIATE THE THOUGHTFULNESS YOU'VE DONE IN PLANNING FOR IT.
18 AND THIS IS THE BEST PLAN, THE MOST HONEST AND COMPREHENSIVE
19 PLAN THAT THE COUNTY HAS EVER PUT FORWARD. ESPECIALLY WHAT THE
20 GENTLEMAN SAID BEFORE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE COUNTY TO TRULY TAKE
21 DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOW IT MAY BE EXACERBATING THE
22 PROBLEM. I'VE SEEN PERSONALLY PHIL KEY ON THAT VERY HIGHLY.
23 AND I KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING HE TAKES VERY SERIOUSLY. AND WE'RE
24 APPRECIATING THAT. YOU CAN APPRECIATE HOW YOUR RESOURCES AND
25 DEPARTMENTS CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. IF NOT AT ALL. AND

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1 TODAY'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY, BUT ESPECIALLY AS THE RAINS PICK UP
2 AGAIN AND WE THINK ABOUT THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER IN EL NINO,
3 I JUST WANT TO SAY LET'S PUT THE RESOURCES IN TO HELP PEOPLE
4 COME IN FOR A LIFETIME AND NOT JUST ONE SEASON. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PRENTICE JENKINS AND WAYNE
7 FROM ENCINO.

8

9 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** PRENTISS JENKINS, PUBLISHER, CITI LIVE
10 NEWSLETTER, ACTIVIST SINCE 1991. DOES ANYONE EVER WONDER WHY
11 THERE IS NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN BEVERLY HILLS? HOW ABOUT
12 PALISADES? WHY THEY DON'T PUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN PALISADES?
13 HOW ABOUT MALIBU? THERE'S NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING THERE. I'VE
14 ALWAYS WONDERED WHY. OF COURSE, I'M JUST A PUBLIC SCHOOL
15 GRADUATE. SO IT'S GOING TO TAKE ME A WHILE TO FIGURE THAT OUT.
16 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PUTTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE
17 HOMELESS. DO WE ACTUALLY KNOW HOW MANY HOMELESS THERE ARE? AND
18 IF WE KNOW HOW MANY HOMELESS THERE ARE, ARE WE REALLY GOING TO
19 SPEND THAT MUCH MONEY ON THE HOMELESS? I KNOW IT'S GOOD TO
20 TALK ABOUT THE HOMELESS. EVERYBODY'S IN THEIR NICE SUITS,
21 DRESSES. IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT THE HOMELESS BECAUSE
22 YOU'RE NOT HOMELESS. I WALKED BY SKID ROW THE OTHER DAY. I'VE
23 SEEN THE HOMELESS. I KNOW WHO THE HOMELESS ARE. THEY DO LOOK
24 LIKE FOLKS IN HERE, ONLY THEY HAVE WORSE SUITS AND THEY DRESS
25 POORLY. THEY DON'T EAT AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE IN HERE. SO WE

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1 GOT ALL THESE PEOPLE, THE \$200,000 A YEAR SALARIES TALKING
2 ABOUT THE HOMELESS. I'M ALWAYS SHOCKED AT ALL THESE WELL TO DO
3 PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE GOING DO ABOUT THE HOMELESS.
4 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** FINAL WITNESS.

7

8 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. THE OMNIBUS POVERTY PIMP BILL OF 2016 IS
9 NOW HERE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WE'RE GOING HELP THE HOMELESS.
10 I'VE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR 25, 30 YEARS NOW. YOU'RE NOT GOING
11 TO HELP THE HOMELESS. WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS YOU'RE GOING
12 TO USE THESE MONIES TO GO TO YOUR OUTREACH FRIENDS AND THEY'RE
13 GOING TO DO WHAT? THE SAME THING THEY DO NOW. SHUFFLE THEM ALL
14 OVER THE PLACE, JUST LIKE YOU SHUFFLE THEM ALL OVER THE PLACE
15 NOW. THERE'S NO PLAN HERE TO END HOMELESSNESS. YOU'RE JUST
16 SHUFFLING PEOPLE AROUND. YOU END HOMELESSNESS BY CREATING JOBS
17 AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO WORK TO BE ABLE TO PAY FOR
18 HOUSING. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE DOING. YOU'RE RAISING THE
19 MINIMUM WAGE. YOU'RE RAISING THE TAXES. AND YOU'RE NOT
20 FIGHTING AGAINST THESE OUTRAGEOUS GAS PRICES RIGHT NOW WHERE
21 WE'RE PAYING A DOLLAR A GALLON MORE THAN WE SHOULD. THAT
22 CREATES HOMELESSNESS. SO YOU'RE NOT GETTING TO THE SOURCE OF
23 THE HOMELESSNESS TO CURE THE SOURCE, YOU ARE SIMPLY TREATING
24 THE SYMPTOMS BY PUSHING OFF ALL OF THIS MONEY TO YOUR
25 NONPROFIT FRIENDS. THEY'VE TURNED 301 (C) 5S INTO A DAMN JOKE.

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1 YOU CAN HAVE A 301 (C) 5. FOR ANYTHING. I'M THINKING OF
2 FORMING A 301 (C) 5, JUST HAVE A NONPROFIT TO AND FROM MY
3 BATHROOM SO I CAN WRITE IT OFF AS A NONPROFIT GROUP.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES
6 TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM, THESE ITEMS. P-1. WE WILL MOVE THAT.
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AS AMENDED. ITEM 8 AS AMENDED. ITEM
8 9 AND 47-A AS AMENDED. ALL THOSE COLLECTIVELY. SO ARE THERE
9 ANY OBJECTION? SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER, THEN. THANK YOU.
10 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] AND WITH THAT I GOT A NOTE
11 EARLIER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALSO MOVED THEIR HOMELESS
12 INITIATIVE, AS WELL. SO A GOOD DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
13 OKAY, MEMBERS, OUR NEXT ITEM IS NO. 25, SUPERVISOR KNABE?
14 SMALL BUSINESS?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE A MOTION I'D LIKE TO READ IN AS IT RELATES
17 TO THIS PARTICULAR ITEM. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE LOOKING
18 AT IS HOW WE'RE TRACKING THESE PARTICULAR SITUATIONS AND
19 WHETHER LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS, THE L.S.B.E.S WITHIN THE COUNTY
20 ARE PART OF THE SUBCONTRACTING PORTION OF THIS. SO ON THIS
21 PARTICULAR ITEM, I'M ADDING THIS MOTION. "CURRENTLY, THE
22 COUNTY DOES NOT TRACK THIS INFORMATION SO IT HAS NO WAY OF
23 KNOWING WHETHER THE SUBCONTRACTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE
24 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM. THE BOARD HAS MADE IT
25 A PRIORITY OVER AND OVER TO INCREASE ITS PROCUREMENT WITH

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1 L.S.B.E.S AND TRACKING THIS INFORMATION WILL PROVIDE A VERY
2 USEFUL DATA FOR DETERMINING HOW MUCH BUSINESS THE COUNTY
3 ACTUALLY DOES WITH THESE FOLKS. SO WHILE THERE'S A CURRENT
4 EFFORT TO DEVELOP A LONG TERM STRATEGY TO CENTRALIZE AND
5 AUTOMATE AND REPORT ON SUBCONTRACTOR AWARDS, THESE J.O.C.S ARE
6 A LOW HANGING FRUIT BECAUSE THE PERMANENT DATA ON THE
7 SUBCONTRACTORS IS ALREADY SENT TO US. I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE
8 THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AS
9 THE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION
10 WITH THE DIRECTORS OF OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT UTILIZE
11 J.O.C.S TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS, ONE, ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
12 PROCESS TO TRACK THE L.S.B.E. SUBCONTRACTORS WHO PERFORM WORKS
13 ON BEHALF OF THE J.O.C. CONTRACTS UNTIL SOME LONG-TERM
14 SOLUTION CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AND, TWO, RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW
15 TO USE COUNTY J.O.C.S TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION IN OUR COUNTY'S
16 L.S.B.E. PROGRAM." I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ITEM WITH
17 THAT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE VOTE ON THAT, WE DO HAVE
20 SPEAKERS. ARNOLD SACHS. WAYNE FROM ENCINO. ERIC PREVEN. 90
21 SECONDS EACH.

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS, IT'S ERIC PREVEN A THIRD DISTRICT
24 RESIDENT. THERE SHE IS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS MAKING HER WAY
25 OVER TO SPEAK TO THE C.E.O. I'M GOING TO SPEAK TO THE C.E.O.,

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1 TOO, AND THE BOARD ON THIS ONE. THIS IS JOB ORDER CONTRACTING.
2 THIS IS SETTING THE PRICE BOOK. SUPERVISOR KNABE JUST MADE A
3 NICE POINT WHICH IS, LET'S TRY TO MAKE SURE IF WE DO
4 SUBCONTRACTING INSIDE THESE \$4.5 MILLION JOB ORDER CONTRACTS--
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS RIGHT HERE BUT SHE IS SPEAKING TO ANOTHER
6 PERSON.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAY ON SUBJECT, SIR.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** FINE. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT WHEN YOU WAIT FIVE
11 HOURS TO ADDRESS A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'RE LISTENING TO YOU. THE CLOCK IS
14 GOING. STAY ON TARGET.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU. I
17 WILL CONTINUE. SO THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE IS THESE JOB
18 ORDER CONTRACTS THIS MANUAL THAT PUTS TOGETHER ALL THE PRICES
19 IS VERY, VERY HELPFUL TO FOLKS WHO ARE COMPLETELY ON THE UP
20 AND UP. BUT THE PUBLIC HAS LOST CONFIDENCE BECAUSE WE KNOW
21 THAT YOU GET A 15 PERCENT MARKUP WHEN YOU HIRE A SUBCONTRACTOR
22 UNDER A J.O.C. SO OF COURSE IT WOULD BE GREAT TO TAKE A BIG
23 J.O.C. FOR 4.5 MILLION BECAUSE YOU JUST HAVE TO SAY, THAT GUY
24 COULD DO THE JOB PLUS 15 PERCENT. SO OUTSIDE OF \$4.5 MILLION,
25 INSIDE OF THAT, THAT'S A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S

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1 FLOWING AN AROUND THIS WAY AND THAT. I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE
2 DOING THERE , SIR, THAT BUT C.E.O. HAMAI WHO WAS TALKING TO
3 SUPERVISOR, WAS ASKED MULTIPLE TIMES TO PROVIDE A REPORT SO WE
4 CAN TRACK THIS BEHAVIOR IN A WAY THAT MAKES SENSE SO THAT WE
5 KNOW THAT WE HAVE MULTIPLE CONTRACTS LIKE THIS AROUND THE
6 COUNTY, THE SAME PROVIDERS, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ARE
7 PROVIDING THAT WORK. SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU PUT LOTS OF LISTS
8 OF THINGS THAT ARE ALL GOLF RELATED INSIDE THAT. IT'S NOT
9 APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THAT'S GOOD. I GOT PEOPLE NOW ON THE CLOWN
12 PART OF OUR MEETING NO. 25 AND WE GOT SHE SHEILA KUEHL OFF TO
13 MY RIGHT HAND SIDE.

14

15 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC, PLEASE.

16

17 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** \$35 MILLION OF WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE FOR 10
18 LOUSY AGREEMENTS. AND I JUST WISH I HAD A FULL QUORUM TO TALK
19 TO. BUT \$4.5 MILLION FOR EACH AGREEMENT, WHERE'D THIS NUMBER
20 COME FROM? WE DON'T CARE. WE GET 90 SECONDS INSTEAD OF 2
21 MINUTES FOR SIX GENERAL AND FORCE-SPECIFIC J.O.C. AGREEMENTS.
22 AND WHAT IS THIS THAT WE HAVE HERE? THE JOB ORDER CONTRACT,
23 J.O.C.? AND WHAT'S IT GOING TO GO FOR? WE DON'T CARE. THEY ARE
24 JUST GOING TO DO AN AMOUNT \$75,000 TO REFURBISH COUNTY
25 FACILITIES. SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO WASTE THE MONEY. WE'RE NOT

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1 GOING TO GO USE ANY OF THE MONEY TO GET THE DRAINAGE ON LAKE
2 HUGHES ROAD THAT'S DESTROYING THE CRAP OUT OF MY RANCH NOW. WE
3 ARE GOING TO WASTE THE \$45 MILLION INSTEAD OF SAVING MY RANCH
4 THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND \$45 MILLION OF NOTHING BUT TOTAL B.S.
5 FINALLY, I ASKED SHEILA KUEHL BUT SHE RAN OUT OF THE ROOM.
6 SHE'S SCARED TO VOTE NO.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
9 FASCINATING HOW COUNTY COUNSEL CAN TELL YOU WHEN YOU'RE ON AND
10 OFF A SUBJECT. BUT THIS ITEM IS ACTUALLY TWO ITEMS WITHIN THE
11 SAME AGENDA ITEM. IT'S THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTS, THE 10
12 SPECIALTY JOB ORDER CONTRACTS. AND LO AND BEHOLD, EARLIER
13 TODAY YOU HAD A CONSULTANT GROUP, GORDIAN GROUP WHO'S GOING
14 GET 1.56 PERCENT ON EACH ONE OF THOSE CONTRACTS, \$67,500 JUST
15 LIKE THAT FOR CONSULTING ON JOB ORDER CONTRACTS. AND THEN THE
16 SECOND PART OF THIS IS THE \$75,000 FOR REFURBISHMENT OF COUNTY
17 FACILITIES. SO I'M LOOKING AT THIS MOTION THAT WAS MADE BY
18 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS BACK IN AUGUST 12, 2014 REGARDING THE
19 \$13,500,000 YOU PAID TO PAID TO AECOM, TECHNICAL SERVICES TO
20 PERFORM PHASE TWO BUILDING CONDITION ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 1,154
21 BUILDINGS OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO IS THAT
22 \$75,000 PER BUILDING? SO THAT WOULD BE 1,154 BUILDINGS. HOW
23 DOES THAT WORK AND WHERE ARE YOU AT IT WITH THIS ASSESSMENT?
24 AND THAT DOESN'T EVEN INCLUDE THE ANIMAL SHELTERS THAT YOU HAD
25 ANOTHER AMENDMENT FOR. YOU REMEMBER THAT, MS. SOLIS, BACK ON

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1 APRIL 14, 2015. WHAT'S GOING ON? CAN WE GET AN ANSWER ON THAT?

2 HUH? HUH? HUH? OUT OF TIME. THAT'S THE ANSWER.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PRENTISS JENKINS?

5

6 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** PRENTISS JENKINS, CITI LIFE NEWSLETTER

7 PUBLISHER, ACTIVIST SINCE 1991. THIS SAYS YOU WANT THE LOWEST

8 RESPONSIBLE BIDDER. THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE IT'S A SMART THING

9 TO DO. IT'S LIKE SAYING YOU WANT HEART SURGERY AND YOU'RE

10 GOING TO GO FIND THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, DOCTOR WHO

11 WILL DO THE HEART SURGERY. I WOULDN'T TRUST THE GUY WHO'S

12 GOING TO GIVE ME THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID. I DON'T THINK

13 HE'S GOING TO DO A GOOD JOB ON MY HEART IF I NEEDED HEART

14 SURGERY. BUT YOU CONTINUE TO SAY YOU WANT THE LOWEST

15 RESPONSIBLE BIDDER. SHOULDN'T YOU CHANGE THIS TO THE MOST

16 QUALIFIED RESPONSIBLE BIDDER INSTEAD OF LOWEST RESPONSIBLE

17 BIDDER? HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD ALLOW THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE

18 MECHANIC TO WORK ON THEIR CAR? I DON'T THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE

19 WOULD ALLOW THE MECHANIC TO WORK ON THEIR CAR. THIS STICKS IN

20 MY CRAW, THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND.

21 WHO'S THAT BLACK WOMAN BACK THERE? IS THAT SOJOURNER TRUTH OR

22 IS THAT MY MOTHER? SO, FOLKS, CAN WE GET RID OF THIS LOWEST

23 RESPONSIBLE BIDDER AND LET'S GET THE MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER? I

24 DON'T CARE IF THE BID IS HIGHER. YOU WANT THE WORK DONE RIGHT.

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1 SEE, THERE'S AN OLD SAYING, THE CHIEF EVENTUALLY COST YOU
2 MORE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED. MEMBERS, THIS IS
5 BEFORE US AS AMENDED. MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO
7 AGENDA ITEM 1-D. WE HAVE A SPEAKER ON THAT ITEM, CARL LAUF,
8 ITEM 1-D. 1-D LIKE DOG.

9

10 **CARL LAUF:** AM I THE ONLY SPEAKER ON THE ITEM? I JUST WANT TO
11 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR PREVIOUS SUPPORT OF
12 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PARTICULAR
13 PROPERTY, SUNSHINE TERRACE IN WHITTIER. THE ACTION BEFORE YOU
14 TODAY WILL HELP TO PRESERVE AND SUSTAIN THESE 50 EXISTING
15 HOMES FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. MEMBERS, WE'RE NOW
19 GOING BACK TO ITEM 47-B.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE DR. GUNZENHAUSER AND CINDY HARDING
22 FROM PUBLIC HEALTH, CHIEF OSBY FROM OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT,
23 GILLIAN WRIGHT FROM THE GAS COMPANY AND MOHSEN NAZEMI FROM THE
24 AIR QUALITY WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT THAT ARE HERE FOR THIS
25 ITEM. AND PUBLIC HEALTH IS GOING TO GIVE US A SHORT BRIEFING

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1 AS TO THE STATUS ON THIS ISSUE, AS WELL. YOU KNOW, WE COULD
2 ALSO TAKE THE TWO SEATS OVER HERE.

3

4 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** GREAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH. I'M DR. GUNZENHAUSER, THE INTERIM HEALTH OFFICER
6 FOR THE COUNTY, AND I'M PLEASED TO PROVIDE YOU A BRIEF REPORT
7 ON OUR EFFORTS TO ANALYZE AIR MONITORING DATA AND ALSO TO LOOK
8 AT OTHER ASPECTS OF HEALTH IN THE AFFECTED COMMUNITY. I THINK
9 YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE THREE MAIN ROLES. THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT
10 OF DATA OUT THERE BUT NOBODY'S REALLY PUT IT TOGETHER. SO WE
11 TRIED TO PULL ALL THE DATA TOGETHER, PROVIDE SOME
12 INTERPRETATION FROM THE LIST OF REGULATORY AND OTHER AGENCIES
13 UP THERE. IN ADDITION, WE'VE TRIED TO DO OTHER EFFORTS TO
14 REACH OUT TO THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY AND THE VETERINARY
15 COMMUNITIES IN PORTER RANCH AND SURROUNDING AREAS TO SEE WHAT
16 INFORMATION THEY HAD ABOUT HEALTH IMPACTS ON THE FOLKS THAT
17 WERE LIVING THERE WITH THEIR PETS AND ANIMALS. I THINK YOU'VE
18 ALL HEARD THAT THE MAIN CHEMICALS OF CONCERN ARE METHANE,
19 WHICH IS 93 PERCENT OF NATURAL GAS, DEODORANTS, WE'VE BEEN
20 TALKING ABOUT THOSE IN BENZENE AND OTHER CHEMICALS. LET ME
21 QUICKLY RUN THROUGH AND PROVIDE SOME PERSPECTIVE ON THIS. THIS
22 IS A MAP THAT SHOWS WHERE THE AIR SAMPLING IS OCCURRING. IF
23 YOU LOOK AT THE TOP OF THE MAP, WE DON'T REALLY SHOW THE
24 DETAILS OF THE ACTUAL STORAGE FACILITY. BUT THERE ARE THREE
25 SQUARES AND THOSE ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE LEAKING WELL. SO WHEN

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1 WE TALK ABOUT SAMPLES ON THE FACILITIES, THAT'S WHERE WE'RE
2 TALKING. THERE'S A SERIES OF SIX SQUARES ALONG THE SOUTHERN OR
3 LOWER BORDER OF THE STORAGE FACILITY. AND THOSE ARE WHAT WE
4 CALL COMMUNITY BOUNDARY SAMPLING LOCATIONS. AND THEN THERE'S A
5 SERIES OF ABOUT 11 GREEN RECTANGLES UP THERE AND THOSE ARE
6 WHAT WE CALL WITHIN COMMUNITY SAMPLING LOCATIONS. I'M GOING TO
7 BE TALKING WITH THOSE. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE CALIFORNIA AIR
8 RESOURCES BOARD AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AIR QUALITY
9 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAVE SET UP REALTIME MONITORS IN THE
10 COMMUNITY. AND THIS SHOWS THE LOCATIONS OF THOSE. I'LL BRIEFLY
11 TALK ABOUT THOSE RESULTS, AS WELL. I'M GOING QUICKLY RUN
12 THROUGH FOUR TABLES THAT SUMMARIZE RESULTS ON THE FACILITY, ON
13 THE BOUNDARY AND IN THE COMMUNITY. YOU CAN SEE AS STATED HERE,
14 THESE ARE SAMPLE RESULTS FROM WITHIN THE FACILITY. THESE ARE
15 GRAB SAMPLES WHICH MEANS THEY'RE QUICKLY TAKEN OVER A 10-
16 MINUTE PERIOD. YOU CAN SEE THERE'S OVER 1,000 OF THESE SAMPLES
17 COLLECTED OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. THERE'S FOUR
18 CHEMICALS THAT ARE LISTED HERE, METHANE, BENZENE AND THEN
19 THERE'S TERT-BUTYL MERCAPTAN AND TETRAHYDROTHIOPHENE. THE
20 LOWER TWO ARE THE ODORANTS. YOU CAN QUICKLY SEE IF YOU LOOK
21 ACROSS THERE, THAT THOSE ARE NOT DETECTED. EVERY TEST THAT'S
22 BEEN DONE ON THE FACILITY OR IN THE COMMUNITY, THE ODORANTS
23 HAVE BEEN BELOW DETECTION LEVELS OF OUR INSTRUMENTS. IF YOU
24 LOOK AT THE OTHER TWO CHEMICALS UP THERE, METHANE, YOU CAN SEE
25 THAT THE RANGE IS PRETTY WIDE. THE AVERAGE OVER THE ENTIRE

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1 PERIOD IS ABOUT 60 PARTS PER MILLION. AND THE LIMIT WE'RE
2 CONCERNED ABOUT IS WHETHER OR NOT IT'S FLAMMABILITY LIMIT
3 WHICH IS 50,000 PARTS PER MILLION OR 5 PERCENT. YOU CAN SEE
4 WE'RE NOWHERE NEAR THAT. BENZENE HAS BEEN A CHEMICAL OF MAJOR
5 CONCERN. YOU CAN HERE SEE THAT WE'VE HAD SOME WIDE RANGE. I'LL
6 SHOW YOU A CHART A LITTLE LATER, SHOWING THIS OVER TIME. THE
7 AVERAGE HAS BEEN 1.3 PARTS PER BILLION WHICH IS WELL BELOW THE
8 CAL O.S.H.A. PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE LIMIT OF 1,000 PARTS PER
9 BILLION. IT'S MORE THAN 1,000 TIMES LOWER. WE'VE ALSO DONE
10 SOME 12-HOUR SAMPLES ON THE FACILITY. THESE WERE STARTED IN
11 MID-JANUARY AS PART OF THE EXPANDED AIR MONITORING PROGRAM
12 THAT WE HAD RECOMMENDED. AND SO THESE WERE TAKEN DURING THE
13 PERIOD JANUARY 12TH UP THROUGH ABOUT A WEEK AGO. AND YOU CAN
14 SEE, WE HAD 96 SAMPLES AGAIN, THE SAME CONSTITUENTS LOOK FOR,
15 THE ODORANTS ARE NOT DETECTABLE. THE AVERAGE OF METHANE IS
16 ABOUT THE SAME AS I MENTIONED ON THE LAST ONE, SO IT PRETTY
17 MUCH CONFIRMS THAT WE'RE HAVING DETECTABLE METHANE BUT WELL
18 BELOW THE FLAMMABILITY LIMIT AND BENZENE AS WELL IS
19 DETECTABLE, ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL. IT'S ABOUT 1 PART PER
20 BILLION WHICH IS A THOUSAND TIMES LOWER THAN THE PERMISSIBLE
21 EXPOSURE LIMIT. WHEN WE MOVE TO THE BOUNDARY LEVELS I SHOWED
22 YOU THE SIX SITES WHERE WE WERE COLLECTING THEM. THESE WERE
23 AGAIN 12-HOUR SAMPLES WHICH PROVIDE A MORE VALID MEASURE OF
24 THE TRUE AVERAGE. YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE ALMOST 200 SAMPLES. HERE
25 YOU CAN SEE THAT FOR METHANE THE AVERAGE LEVEL LOWER THAN UP

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1 ON THE FACILITY. IT'S AVERAGING ABOUT 5 PARTS PER MILLION AND
2 THE BENZENE LEVEL IS LOWER AT ABOUT .2 PARTS PER BILLION.
3 AGAIN WELL BELOW. THERE'S A DIFFERENT LIMIT WE USE HERE FOR
4 THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS LOWER THAN FOR WORKERS. THIS IS 1 PART
5 PER BILLION WHICH WOULD BE THE LONG-TERM EXPOSURE LIMIT OF THE
6 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT. THAT'S WHAT
7 WE'RE LOOKING AT. SO WE'RE WELL BELOW THAT PARTICULAR LIMIT.
8 FINALLY, THESE ARE SOME SAMPLES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THESE
9 ARE THE SUMMARY OF THE GRAB SAMPLES. WE'LL BE HAVING SOME 12-
10 HOUR SAMPLING RESULTS SOON. WHEN WE LOOK HERE AT THE GRAB
11 SAMPLES IN THE COMMUNITY, THERE WERE OVER 1,700 OF THESE UP
12 THROUGH THE END OF JANUARY. AND AGAIN YOU CAN SEE METHANE, THE
13 AVERAGE LEVEL IS ABOUT 8 PARTS PER MILLION, WELL BELOW THE
14 EXPLOSIVE LIMIT AND FOR BENZENE IT'S ABOUT .4, .38 PARTS PER
15 BILLION. AGAIN WELL BELOW THE ACUTE OR CHRONIC LIMIT
16 RECOMMENDED BY O.E.H.A., AS I MENTIONED. SOME PEOPLE ARE
17 INTERESTED IN HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED OVER TIME. I INCLUDED
18 TWO CHARTS HERE. THIS IS A WEEKLY AVERAGE. SO THERE'S 13 WEEKS
19 BEGINNING AT THE END OF OCTOBER UP UNTIL THE 28TH, I BELIEVE,
20 OF JANUARY. AND FOR EACH OF THESE WEEKS YOU CAN SEE THE
21 MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM AND THE TOP OF THE GREEN BAR REPRESENTS
22 THE AVERAGE VALUE FOR THAT WEEK. AND YOU CAN SEE IF YOU LOOK
23 AT THE MAXIMUM VALUES, THESE HAVE DECREASED OVER TIME. THERE
24 WAS OVER 231 OR SO PARTS PER MILLION OF METHANE AT THE
25 BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER. BUT MORE RECENTLY THAT HAS DROPPED DOWN

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1 CONSISTENTLY TO BELOW 50 AND THE AVERAGES HAVE BEEN
2 CONSISTENTLY LOW. SO METHANE IS WELL BELOW THE EXPOSURE
3 EXPLOSIVE LIMIT. THIS IS A CHART LOOKING AT THE BENZENE
4 LEVELS. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS AGAIN. THERE WERE SOME HIGHER
5 READINGS EARLY ON. YOU CAN SEE THERE WAS A PEAK OF 5.6 PARTS
6 PER BILLION MEASURED IN THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. BUT THE
7 PEAKS HAVE DROPPED OFF QUITE A BIT SINCE THEN. BUT AGAIN I
8 REMIND YOU THAT THAT EXPOSURE LIMIT IS BELOW THE ACUTE LEVEL
9 OF 8 PARTS PER BILLION SET BY O.E.H.A., AND RECENTLY THE
10 LEVELS THAT WE'VE MEASURED ARE FAIRLY CLOSE TO OR ACTUALLY
11 BELOW WHAT WE SEE IN OTHER PARTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO
12 WE'RE PRETTY MUCH BACK TO BACKGROUND NOW. I WANT TO SUMMARIZE
13 THE OTHER ACTIVITIES. WE'VE DONE A FEW THINGS TO LOOK AT HUMAN
14 HEALTH EFFECTS AND SOME THINGS TO LOOK AT PET AND ANIMAL
15 HEALTH EFFECTS. SO THE FIRST THING WE DID IS WE HAVE A
16 COMPLAINT LINE THAT WE RECEIVE IN OUR DEPARTMENT. AND WE'VE
17 RECEIVED 600 COMPLAINTS UP TILL RECENTLY. THIS MAP HERE SHOWS
18 YOU THE LOCATIONS OF THOSE COMPLAINTS. OVER 70 PERCENT OF THEM
19 ARE WITHIN 5 MILES OF THE LEAK THAT YOU CAN SEE THE 5-MILE
20 LIMITS IN THE CIRCULAR LOCATION, THE OUTER CIRCLE IS 5 MILES.
21 ABOUT 25 TO 30 PERCENT ARE A LITTLE BIT BEYOND THAT. THERE'S
22 ACTUALLY FIVE COMPLAINTS THAT EXTENDED OUT BEYOND 10 MILES.
23 BUT THE VAST MAJORITY OF PRETTY CLOSE. WE TRIED TO ANALYZE
24 THIS A LITTLE MORE. WE'RE TRYING TO DO SOME ANALYSIS OF THE
25 EXACT LOCATIONS WHERE PEOPLE WERE LIVING. THESE ACTUALLY

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1 REFLECT THE COMMUNITIES WHERE FOLKS MADE THE COMPLAINTS FROM.
2 WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING MORE ANALYSES OF THESE AND I'LL
3 PROVIDE YOU ANOTHER REPORT IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS ABOUT MORE
4 RESULTS OF THIS. BUT A BASIC SUMMARY OF THIS IS LISTED HERE.
5 THIS IS JUST A PERCENTAGE OF SYMPTOMS THAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCE.
6 YOU CAN SEE THE MOST COMMON COMPLAINT IS HEADACHE AND MIGRAINE
7 GOING DOWN THE LIST. I WILL MENTION UP THERE, THAT THERE HAVE
8 BEEN SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT THE BLOODY NOSE. THERE WAS A LARGE
9 OUTBREAK IN ALABAMA A FEW YEARS AGO WHERE BLOODY NOSE WAS NOT
10 REPORTED AS PART OF EXPOSURE TO MERCAPTANS OR ODORANTS. SO
11 THIS IS SOMETHING WE'RE INTERESTED IN LOOKING INTO. BUT MOST
12 OF THE OTHER SYMPTOMS ARE CONSISTENT WITH ODORANT EXPOSURE.
13 I'D ALSO NOTICE IF YOU GO DOWN THERE NEAR THE BOTTOM, 13
14 PERCENT OF THE FOLKS WHO REPORTED SAID THEY WENT TO SEE A
15 DOCTOR OR TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. AND AT THE BOTTOM, 10 PERCENT
16 OF THESE HAD RELOCATED OR REQUESTED TO RELOCATE. SO THAT JUST
17 SHOWS YOU THAT PEOPLE WERE HAVING SYMPTOMS, PERHAPS NOT RISING
18 TO THE LEVEL REQUIRING THEM TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE OR NOT EVEN
19 GETTING RELOCATED AT LEAST AT THIS POINT IN TIME. OKAY. SOME
20 OTHER THINGS. I'M JUST GOING TO SUMMARIZE QUICKLY WITHOUT
21 GIVING YOU MORE DATA. BUT WE REACHED OUT TO MEDICAL PROVIDERS.
22 WE CONTACTED TWO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, TWO HOSPITALS, 12
23 URGENT CARE CENTERS, TWO MEDICAL PRACTICE GROUPS AND TWO
24 DOCTORS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE TO ASK THEM ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE
25 OVER THIS TIME ABOUT PATIENTS THEY HAD SEEN WITH SYMPTOMS

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1 POSSIBLY RELATED TO THE GAS EXPOSURE. AND ONE URGENT CARE
2 CENTER HAD CLOSE TO THE FACILITY SAID THEY HAD SEEN A NUMBER
3 PERSONS EARLY ON, BUT THE OTHER PROVIDERS SAID THEY HAD NOT
4 SEEN ANY CASES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT HEALTH PROBLEMS
5 RESULTING FROM THE EXPOSURE. WE ALSO HAVE DONE EXTENSIVE
6 OUTREACH TO THE VETERINARY COMMUNITY SURROUNDING PORTER RANCH.
7 WE REACHED OUT TO 22 VETERINARY CLINICS TO ASK THEM. AND WE
8 HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY SUBSTANTIAL REPORTS FROM THEM. YOU
9 PROBABLY HEARD THE NEWS REPORTS OF HUNDREDS OF ILL ANIMALS AND
10 WE REALLY WERE NOT ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT WHEN WE REACHED
11 OUT TO THE VETERINARIANS THEMSELVES. WE ALSO ASKED ABOUT
12 NOSEBLEED INCIDENTS IN LARGE ANIMALS INCLUDING HORSES. WHILE
13 THERE WERE A FEW REPORTS OF NOSEBLEEDS, THESE ALL HAD REASONS
14 OTHER THAN GAS EXPOSURE TO EXPLAIN THEM. AND WE REACHED OUT TO
15 THE ANIMAL SHELTERS AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND
16 WILDLIFE, WORKING WITH THEM TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY OTHER
17 REPORTS AND INVESTIGATING THOSE. WE'VE SET UP A REPORTING FORM
18 ONLINE THAT WE'VE DISTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS SO THAT
19 THEY CAN REPORT ANY PET INJURIES OR ILLNESSES THAT THEY THINK
20 ARE RELATED TO THIS. OVERALL, WE'VE NOT FOUND ANY DATA TO DATE
21 FROM THE ANIMAL EFFORTS TO SUBSTANTIATE SOME OF THE CLAIMS
22 THAT WE'VE HEARD IN THE NEWS REPORTS. SO, TO SUMMARIZE THIS,
23 THE METHANE LEVELS HAVE BEEN WELL BELOW THE FLAMMABILITY
24 LIMITS. THE ODORANTS THAT HAVE CAUSED A LOT OF SYMPTOMS REMAIN
25 UNDETECTABLE, AND BENZENE AND OTHER CHEMICALS, WHILE THEY'VE

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1 BEEN ELEVATED, THEY'VE BEEN BELOW LEVELS THAT WE WOULD EXPECT
2 TO CAUSE HARM, INCLUDING ANY KIND OF LONG TERM EXPOSURE OR
3 HEALTH EFFECTS. SO OUR ANALYSIS OF THE COMPLAINTS AND A REPORT
4 FROM ONE URGENT CARE CENTER DOCUMENTS THAT MANY INDIVIDUALS IN
5 THE COMMUNITY DID HAVE SYMPTOMS, BUT IT APPEARS THAT THESE
6 DIDN'T RISE TO THE LEVEL WHERE MANY OF THEM HAD TO SEEK
7 MEDICAL CARE. ALSO, THE SYMPTOM COMPLAINTS HAVE GONE DOWN MORE
8 RECENTLY. THAT COULD BE BECAUSE PEOPLE MOVED AWAY AND ALSO
9 BECAUSE THE RATE OF EMISSIONS FROM THE LEAK HAS DECREASED BY
10 ABOUT 70 PERCENT. SO THAT CONCLUDES MY SUMMARY OF WHAT WE
11 FOUND SO FAR TO DATE. WE WILL BE DOING ADDITIONAL
12 INVESTIGATIONS. WE EXPECT TO HAVE A REPORT OUT LATER THIS WEEK
13 ABOUT SOME OF THE TRACE CHEMICALS. WE HAVEN'T GONE INTO
14 DETAILS HERE. AND WE'LL BE REPORTING ON MORE OF THE MAP DATA
15 SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS THE F.A.A. NOW ALLOWED AIR CRAFT TO FLY
18 OVER THE AREA?

19

20 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** I HAVEN'T HEARD THAT. I THINK IT'S
21 STILL A RESTRICTED AREA WITH THE EMISSIONS STILL COMING OUT. I
22 HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING.

23

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE SHORT-TERM EFFECTS, YOU SAID THERE IS
2 NO SHORT-TERM EFFECTS. WHAT ARE THE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS WITH
3 BUILDUPS IN THE KIDNEYS, THE LIVER, OF THESE TOXICS?

4

5 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** IT'S A GOOD QUESTION. THERE ARE
6 SHORT-TERM EFFECTS, PEOPLE ARE ILL. BUT THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS
7 REALLY WOULD FOLLOW-UP FROM A BUILD UP OF THE TOXIN IN THE
8 BODY. SINCE THE LIMITS ARE SO LOW AND THEY'RE NONDETECTIBLE,
9 THAT WOULD SUPPORT THAT THAT WOULDN'T BE A BUILDUP, THAT
10 ACTUALLY, THE EFFECTS WOULD BE PURELY ON SURFACE LIKE IN THE
11 NOSE OR IN THE LUNGS AND DON'T EXPECT ANY TOXIC EFFECT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS TIMEFRAME FOR THE LIVER, THE KIDNEY
14 TO--

15

16 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** THERE COULD BE SHORT-TERM EFFECTS IF
17 IT WAS A VERY HIGH DOSE, IF IT GOT IT ABOVE A LEVEL THAT WAS
18 12 OR 20 PARTS PER BILLION. BUT THE LEVELS THAT WE'RE SEEING
19 ARE NONDETECTIBLE SO WE DON'T EXPECT TO SEE ANY OF THOSE
20 SHORT-TERM EFFECTS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF IT'S A FETUS OR SENIOR CITIZEN, WOULD
23 THERE BE A DIFFERENT CUMULATIVE IMPACT?

24

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1 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** I THINK FROM A TOXIC POINT OF VIEW,
2 I DON'T THINK THE LEVELS THAT WE'RE SEEING WOULD CAUSE ANY
3 ADDITIONAL HARM IN THOSE INDIVIDUALS. BUT I WOULD SAY THAT IF
4 AN INDIVIDUAL HAS EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND SOMEHOW THE
5 ACUTE SYMPTOMS WERE CAUSING THEM DIFFICULTIES, IT COULD
6 COMPLICATE THOSE CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS, BUT NOT AS A RESULT
7 OF AN ACCUMULATED TOXIC EFFECT MORE AS A RESULT OF THE SHORT-
8 TERM EFFECTS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE 109TH DAY OF THE LEAK, WITH THE IMPACT
11 STILL BEING ABSORBED BY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WITHIN THAT AREA.
12 YOU MENTIONED A 5-MILE RADIUS.

13

14 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** YES, SIR, THAT IS CORRECT. WE ARE
15 STILL RECEIVING COMPLAINTS INTO OUR CALL LINE WITH THE
16 SYMPTOMS THAT I WENT OVER AS RECENTLY AS LAST WEEK.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHIEF OSBY?

19

20 **FIRE CHIEF DARRYL OSBY:** YES, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE HAZARDOUS UNIT IN YOUR DEPARTMENT, YOU
23 ARE MONITORING AND SHARING INFORMATION?

24

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1 **FIRE CHIEF DARRYL OSBY:** YES, HONORABLE CHAIR, DARRYL OSBY,
2 FIRE CHIEF OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. SINCE THE L.A.
3 FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED OCTOBER 26 OF THE LEAK, WE HAVE
4 BEEN COLLABORATING AND COORDINATING WITH THE STATE ENTITIES,
5 BUT IN PARTICULARLY WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AS IT RELATES TO
6 MONITORING THE SITE AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THERE WAS A COURT ORDER OF 48 HOURS
9 WHICH HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED TO 8 HOURS. WE'RE ASKING FOR 30
10 DAYS IN ORDER TO ALLOW PUBLIC HEALTH TO HAVE AN ANALYSIS OF
11 WHAT IS HAPPENING AND ALSO IT TAKES TIME FOR THE SCHOOLS TO BE
12 RELOCATED ALONG WITH THE PEOPLE MOVING BACK WITH WORK
13 SCHEDULES, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, WHICH WOULD BE HEALTH-WISE A
14 BETTER APPROACH IN SERVING THAT AREA.

15

16 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** YES, SIR. FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH
17 POINT OF VIEW, WE HAVE TWO MAJOR AREAS OF INTEREST. ONE IS
18 WHILE WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS AND
19 THE STATE REGULATORS TO OBSERVE AND ENSURE THAT THE WELL IS
20 PLUGGED AND THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL DECLARATION OR
21 CONFIRMATION OF THAT SOMETIME SOON, WE FEEL IT'S VERY PRUDENT
22 FOR THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY THAT WE OBSERVE, AT LEAST FOR
23 SEVERAL WEEKS, THE AIR MONITORING RESULTS THAT I REPORTED ON
24 TO ASSURE THAT EVERYTHING IS DOWN AT BACKGROUND LEVELS AND
25 STAY THERE. WE THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND BELIEVE THAT

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1 THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL BE INTERESTED IN TRACKING THAT WITH
2 US. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS ABOUT MOVING
3 BACK, THERE COULD BE A NUMBER OF MEDICAL FACTORS THAT COME
4 INTO PLAY ON WHEN IT MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME FOR RESIDENTS TO
5 COME BACK. YOU KNOW, THE ACUTE EFFECTS OF THE ODOR ARE LIKELY
6 TO DISSIPATE PRETTY QUICKLY. WE'VE PUT OUT INFORMATION ON WHAT
7 WE THINK A RESIDENT COULD DO IN ORDER TO HELP FACILITATE THAT
8 PROCESS. AND LIKELY THE ODORANTS WILL DISSIPATE PRETTY
9 QUICKLY. WE'RE IN A SITUATION, THOUGH, THAT NOBODY'S EVER
10 REALLY EXPERIENCED BEFORE. I MEAN, WE'RE JUST-- I'M SAYING
11 THAT BASED UPON WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE SCIENCE OF THE
12 ODORANTS. THE EXPERIENCE COULD BE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT, BUT
13 I THINK LIKELY THE ODORS WILL DISAPPEAR. BUT EVEN SO, THERE
14 MAY BE PEOPLE WHO HAVE OTHER CONCERNS OR OTHER HEALTH THINGS
15 THAT ARE IN PLAY BEYOND THE ACCESS AND SPECIAL NEEDS THAT
16 PEOPLE HAVE. THOSE DEFINITELY HAVE TO BE ACCOMMODATED. BUT I
17 DO BELIEVE OTHER PEOPLE LIKELY WILL HAVE MEDICAL CONDITIONS
18 THAT WILL REQUIRE MORE TIME TO BE EVALUATED. SO I THINK A
19 LONGER PERIOD OF TIME, SOMETHING ON THE ORDER OF WHAT WE'RE
20 TALKING ABOUT WITH THE AIR MONITORING WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO
21 THOSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW AT THE BEGINNING, THE AIR QUALITY
24 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WAS NOT IN COMMUNICATION WITH PUBLIC
25 HEALTH AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND I KNOW CHIEF OSBY'S MEMO

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1 TO ME YESTERDAY, I GUESS IT WAS, YOU INDICATED THAT THERE WERE
2 MEETINGS THAT WERE TAKING PLACE WHERE YOU WERE NOT ENGAGED BUT
3 NOW YOU ARE ENGAGED IN ALL OF THE AGENCIES THAT ARE INVOLVED
4 WITH THAT AND MONITORING OF THE GAS LEAK. BUT NOW IS THERE
5 COMMUNICATION STAND DAILY, REGULARLY?

6

7 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** I COULD PROBABLY SPEAK TO THAT, SIR.
8 I'M ONE OF THE THREE INCIDENT COMMANDERS UP AT THE SITES. WE
9 HAVE A UNIFIED COMMAND. FIRE WAS VERY HELPFUL IN REORGANIZING
10 OUR EFFORTS. THEY TALKED ABOUT HOW WE NEEDED TO SET UP A
11 COOPERATOR'S MEETING WHERE WE GET ALL THE REGULATORS TOGETHER.
12 WE'RE HAVING THOSE MEETINGS AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK, GETTING US
13 ALL ON THE SAME PAGE. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE, THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HAS HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH
15 THEM. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH SOME OF THE SYMPTOM INFORMATION THAT
16 I'VE PRESENTED TO YOU, I HAD SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT CERTAIN
17 THINGS THAT I THOUGHT WE SHOULD LOOK FOR. SO WE'RE HAVING
18 DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM TO DO ADDITIONAL SAMPLING TO DO THAT. SO
19 I THINK THE DIALOGUE IS NOW MUCH IMPROVED SINCE WE WENT INTO
20 THE UNIFIED COMMAND.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM A.Q.M.D., WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN FINDING
23 RELATIVE TO YOUR SAMPLINGS?

24

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1 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR. I'M MOHSEN NAZEMI,
2 DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITH SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
3 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. AS THE SUPERVISORS MAY KNOW, WE HAVE
4 INITIATED OUR EFFORT THE DAY AFTER THE LEAK OCCURRED ON
5 OCTOBER 24TH. SO WE WERE THE FIRST RESPONDING AGENCY OUT
6 THERE. AND SINCE THEN, WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER 2,200 ODOR
7 COMPLAINTS. WE HAVE BEEN ALMOST DAILY IN THE FIELD EITHER
8 RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS OR DO SITE INSPECTION OR SURVEILLANCE.
9 AND TO ACTUALLY COLLECT SAMPLES. THE FIRST SAMPLES WE
10 COLLECTED STARTED ON OCTOBER 26TH. AND WE'VE BEEN ONGOING
11 COLLECTING INSTANTANEOUS 24-HOUR INTEGRATED METHANE,
12 CONTINUOUS MONITOR MEASUREMENTS AND OTHER AIR TOXIC SAMPLES.
13 AND AS YOU ALSO KNOW, WE HAVE ISSUED A NOTICE OF VIOLATION FOR
14 PUBLIC NUISANCE TO ALISO CANYON FACILITY, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
15 GAS COMPANY. AND THIS IS A CONTINUOUS PUBLIC NUISANCE SINCE
16 OCTOBER 24TH. AND ALSO FILED A PETITION WITH A HEARING BOARD
17 FOR FOUR DAYS OF CONTINUOUS-- NOT CONTINUOUS, ALL-DAY
18 HEARINGS. AND ON 23RD JANUARY, THE HEARING BOARD ISSUED AN
19 ORDER OF ABATEMENT THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE GAS COMPANY TO
20 CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR THE EMISSIONS AND DO OTHER ACTIVITIES.
21 AND LASTLY ON JANUARY 26TH, WE ACTUALLY FILED A CIVIL PENALTY
22 LAWSUIT AGAINST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY DUE TO THE
23 PUBLIC NUISANCE THAT WAS GENERATED. I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO
24 GIVE DR. JASON LOWE, OUR MONITORING MANAGER, AN OPPORTUNITY TO
25 GIVE YOU A VERY, VERY QUICK OVERVIEW OF WHAT KIND OF AIR

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1 MONITORING AND SAMPLING WE HAVE DONE AT THE ALISO CANYON SO IT
2 CAN PUT IT IN A LITTLE BIT BETTER PERSPECTIVE CONSISTENT.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE? WE'D REALLY
5 LIKE YOU TO SUMMARIZE QUICKLY.

6

7 **DR. JASON LOWE:** I'LL BE QUICK. THE PURPOSE OF OUR AIR
8 MONITORING EFFORTS HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER
9 STAKEHOLDERS SCIENTIFIC, ACCURATE AND APPROPRIATE DATA FOR THE
10 SITUATION. SO WE'VE USED COMBINATION OF TECHNIQUES FOR
11 ESTABLISHING, PROVIDING DATA FOR SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM
12 ASSESSMENTS USING THIS DATA. SO FOR THE SHORT TERM WE'VE
13 DEPLOYED AT THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, CONTINUOUS MONITORS
14 WHICH LOOKED FOR METHANE AND ALSO HYDROGEN SULFIDE ON A 24-
15 HOUR 7 DAY A WEEK BASIS. THESE MONITORS THEN, IF ELEVATED
16 CONCENTRATIONS ARE DETECTED, WILL TRIGGER THE COLLECTION OF
17 GRAB SAMPLES. THAT WAY WE CAN ANALYZE IN THE LABORATORY THESE
18 SAMPLES ARE SUBMITTED TO THE LABORATORY WHERE THEY COULD HAVE
19 A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE CONSTITUENTS, WHICH INCLUDE
20 THE MERCAPTANS AS WELL AS THE KNOWN AIR TOXICS SUCH AS BENZENE
21 AND TOLUENE. WE ALSO ARE COLLECTING DATA FOR THE LONG TERM
22 ASSESSMENTS, THE 24-HOUR INTEGRATED SAMPLES ON A PERIODIC
23 BASIS SO THAT DATA CAN BE COLLECTED AND COMPARED AGAINST
24 PREVIOUS AIR MONITORING EFFORTS THAT A.Q.M.D. AND OTHERS HAVE
25 CONDUCTED. SO WE HAVE DIRECT COMPARISON OF THE DATA THAT WE'RE

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1 COLLECTING IN RESPONSE TO THIS EVENT TO OTHER ESTABLISHED AIR
2 TOXIC STUDIES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THEN TO THE FIRE,
5 A.Q.M.D. WHEN THE COURT DECISION, THE CITY AND THE GAS COMPANY
6 AGREED TO AN 8-DAY INSTEAD OF 48 HOURS, WERE YOU AWARE OF THAT
7 DATE?

8

9 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** LAST WEEK-- I WAS NEVER CONTACTED
10 DIRECTLY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT I MEAN.

13

14 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** BUT THE CITY DID REACH OUT TO COUNTY
15 COUNSEL, SHARED WITH US, I SHARED MY VIEW THAT RESIDENTS CAN
16 RETURN WHEN THE GAS LEAK HAS STOPPED AND WHEN THEY NO LONGER
17 HAVE SYMPTOMS. AND WE EXPRESSED WITH THEM OUR PLAN TO CONTINUE
18 AIR MONITORING FOR AT LEAST A COUPLE WEEKS, 30 DAYS OR SO AS
19 YOU KNOW. AND WE SHARED THAT WITH THEM.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S ASK COUNTY COUNSEL THAT ISSUE.

22

23 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SURE. YES, SUPERVISOR. SO THE
24 CHRONOLOGY, MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRONOLOGY IS THIS. LAST
25 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, COUNTY COUNSEL HAD A CONVERSATION WITH

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1 THE CITY ATTORNEYS IN THE MORNING REQUESTING A 30-DAY PERIOD
2 OF TIME PURSUANT TO CONVERSATIONS WITH WE HAD HAD WITH THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. LATER THAT DAY AT 6 P.M. WE LEFT-
4 - COUNTY COUNSEL LEFT A VOICE MAIL MESSAGE FOR THE CITY
5 ATTORNEY ALSO PROVIDING THEM WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS TO
6 WHY WE THOUGHT THE 30-DAY PERIOD WAS REQUIRED. LATE THAT
7 EVENING, UNBEKNOWNST TO COUNTY COUNSEL, THE CITY ATTORNEY
8 APPARENTLY ENTERED INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH SO CAL GAS AGREEING
9 TO A 7-DAY, 8-NIGHT TIME PERIOD. AND COUNTY COUNSEL DID NOT
10 LEARN OF THAT UNTIL SATURDAY, THE FOLLOWING DAY.

11

12 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** SUPERVISOR, SOUTH COAST THE AIR QUALITY
13 MANAGEMENT WAS NOT CONSULTED ABOUT THE DECISION OF HOW MANY
14 DAYS. THE ONLY THING THAT WE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY'S
15 OFFICE WAS WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THEM
16 IN DETERMINING WHEN THE AIR QUALITY HAS REACHED A LEVEL THAT
17 THE RESIDENTS CAN RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ALWAYS HATE TO GIVE YOU THE ARROWS. WE'RE
20 NOT HERE TO SHOOT THE MESSENGER, BUT IF YOU CAN CONVEY TO YOUR
21 BOSS THAT A 30-DAY TIMEFRAME WOULD ALLEVIATE A LOT OF THE
22 PROBLEMS RELATIVE THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH
23 AND THE PEOPLE HAVING TO MOVE BACK AND ALSO THE SCHOOLS HAVING
24 TO RELOCATE BECAUSE THEY MOVED EVERYTHING TO THE NEW SITES.
25 THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE.

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2 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** IF I COULD, I'D LIKE TO CLARIFY WHAT WAS
3 AGREED WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY. WHAT WE ACTUALLY REACHED
4 AGREEMENT ON WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY IS THAT FIRST I WANT TO
5 MAKE CLEAR THAT FOR THE 35 PERCENT OF THE RELOCATED HOUSEHOLDS
6 THAT ARE IN RENTAL PROPERTIES, WE'VE AGREED TO ALLOW THEM TO
7 STAY THROUGH THE AGREED TERM OF THE LEASE. GENERALLY THE
8 EARLIEST EXPIRATION DATE FOR THE SHORT-TERM LEASES IS MARCH
9 31ST. SO WE HAVE OVER 1,700 HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE FREE TO STAY
10 THROUGH THE TERM OF THEIR SHORT-TERM LEASE. WITH REGARD TO THE
11 SCHOOLS THAT HAVE RELOCATED, THIS AGREEMENT HAS NO EFFECT
12 ON THE TIMEFRAME WHEN THE SCHOOLS WOULD NEED TO RETURN. THAT'S
13 REALLY A DECISION FOR L.A.U.S.D. WE ARE COORDINATING AND
14 ASSISTING L.A.U.S.D. IF THEY REQUEST. IF THEY WOULD LIKE
15 ASSISTANCE DURING THIS TIMEFRAME OR PRIOR TO THE END OF THE
16 SCHOOL YEAR, WE ARE HAPPY TO PROVIDE IT. BUT WHAT THEY
17 INDICATED AT THE TIME THEY MOVED THE CAMPUSES, AND WHAT I
18 WOULD EXPECT IS STREET STILL THEIR PLAN, IS THAT THOSE
19 CAMPUSES WOULD REMAIN RELOCATED THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL
20 YEAR. AS WE DESCRIBED, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OR ACCESS OR
21 FUNCTIONAL NEEDS WILL OF COURSE BE GRANTED EXTENSION TO ALLOW
22 FOR ACCOMMODATION OF THEIR NEEDS. WE'VE ALSO AGREED TO
23 CONSIDER OTHER EXCEPTIONS FOR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES AS
24 NEEDED. IN ADDITION, ALL RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO BE NOTIFIED
25 WHEN GAS IS FIRST CONTROLLED. GAS CONTROL COULD OCCUR WITHIN

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1 THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO THAT EVENT. AND
2 THAT REALLY DROVE THE URGENCY TO CLARIFY AND COMMUNICATE THE
3 RETURN HOME NEEDS AS WE DISCUSSED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, WHEN I
4 APPEARED, THAT IT OBVIOUSLY BECAME MUCH MORE URGENT AS TIME
5 HAS PASSED. THERE WILL BE A NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ALL
6 RESIDENTS BOTH THROUGH DIRECT COMMUNICATION, NEWS RELEASE, WEB
7 POSTINGS AND CERTAINLY WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN
8 PUBLICIZING THROUGH YOUR BODIES, AS WELL. AND THEN A SECOND
9 NOTIFICATION WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS
10 AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES CONFIRMS THAT THE LEAK IS STOPPED AND
11 THE WELL IS PROPERLY CAPPED. WE WOULD EXPECT THE TIMEFRAME
12 BETWEEN THOSE TWO EVENTS TO BE EASILY A WEEK AND POTENTIALLY
13 LONGER. SO GENERALLY FOR MOST RESIDENTS, ONCE THE FIRST
14 NOTIFICATION, THE TIME PERIOD FROM THE FIRST NOTIFICATION TO
15 THE EARLIEST RETURN DATE IS LIKELY TO BE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS.
16 AND THE AIR MONITORING WILL OBVIOUSLY CONTINUE DURING THAT
17 TIMEFRAME. AND THEN TO BE VERY CLEAR, THE 8-DAY TIME PERIOD
18 APPLIES TO THOSE RESIDENTS WHO ARE PLACED IN SHORT-TERM
19 HOUSING IN HOTELS AND WHO ARE STAYING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
20 IT DOES NOT APPLY TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE MOVED TO RENTAL HOUSING,
21 MOVED TO HOMES OR APARTMENTS OR CORPORATE HOUSING.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 3,000 PEOPLE ARE IN HOTELS.

24

25 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** CORRECT.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S 1

3 PERSON, 2,000, 5,000, 6,000. THEY ARE BEING VICTIMIZED AGAIN.

4 AND FOR THEM TO HAVE AN ARBITRARY TIMEFRAME TO GET BACK TO

5 YOUR HOME MAY IMPACT THEIR JOB. THEY MAY HAVE A JOB WHERE

6 THEY'RE TRAVELING. THEY MAY NOT BE HERE. ALL KINDS OF

7 SITUATIONS. TO ME, THE GAS COMPANY HAS FAILED TO CONSIDER THE

8 VICTIM TIME AFTER TIME AFTER TIME FROM THE BEGINNING OF

9 RELOCATION. IT TOOK A COURT ORDER THAT THE GAS COMPANY HAD TO

10 RESPOND WITHIN 24 TO 72 HOURS WITH A RETIRED JUDGE TO MEDIATE.

11 THE GAS COMPANY DID NOT COME FORWARD TO IMMEDIATELY HELP THESE

12 PEOPLE BE RELOCATED. SO THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN BEHIND THE CART

13 INSTEAD OF IN FRONT. THAT'S ALL WE'RE SAYING. AND AGAIN, I

14 HAVE FROM WHAT HAS GONE DOWN, HAVE FAITH IN PUBLIC HEALTH

15 GIVING A TIMEFRAME THAN A COMPANY SAID THE LEAK WOULD BE

16 CURED, CAPPED FOR THREE DAYS. YOUR REPRESENTATIVES WERE HERE.

17 YOU WERE WITH THEM WHEN WE WERE GIVEN A THREE-DAY SUMMATION

18 WHEN THE CAP WOULD BE DONE, BECAUSE WE REALLY DON'T KNOW. WE

19 HOPE IT WILL BE THIS MONTH BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY RUINED ALL

20 THE OTHER HOLIDAYS, NOW WE'RE GOING INTO PASSOVER AND EASTER.

21 STARTING FROM THANKSGIVING. SO, AGAIN, WE SHOULD BE IN THE

22 FOREFRONT, THE GAS COMPANY, IN HELPING ALL OF THE VICTIMS, BE

23 IT 1 OR 1001 INSTEAD OF HAVING THEM SAY, "WHAT DO I DO NOW?

24 NOW I HAVE 8 DAYS, 7 DAYS, WHAT IS IT?" THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU HAVE AN
2 AMENDMENT, I BELIEVE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST A MOTION TO 47. THAT WE SEND SUPPORT FOR
5 A 30-DAY.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO READ THAT IN?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT THE 40 HOURS IS NOW 8 DAYS. THAT WAS
10 CHANGED BUT ASKING FOR A 30-DAY. SO THAT'S THE MOTION. SO
11 MOVED.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. NO OBJECTION TO THAT.
14 BEFORE WE VOTE ON IT, THOUGH, WE DO HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING
17 DOWN AGAIN. AND AGAIN A.Q.M.D. NOW WORKING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH
18 AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, COMMUNICATING IS SO IMPORTANT.

19

20 **MOHSEN NAZEMI:** YES, SIR, WE ARE.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE PRENTICE JENKINS, WAYNE AND
23 ARNOLD SACHS.

24

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1 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** WOW, THAT WAS TRULY EXCITING. YOU HAD A
2 MOVIE. GOT TO SEE A MOVIE OF THE GAS LEAK, THAT THEY CALL A
3 LEAK. IF ANYBODY BELIEVES THAT'S A LEAK, IF ANYONE BELIEVES
4 THAT'S A LEAK. NOSEBLEEDS. PROJECTILE VOMITING. I WANT TO SEE
5 THE HANDS OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BUY A HOME IN PORTER
6 RANCH RIGHT NOW, RAISE YOUR HANDS. ANY OF THE SUPERVISORS,
7 WOULD YOU BUY A HOME IN PORTER RANCH, RAISE YOUR HAND. NO
8 ONE'S RAISING THEIR HAND. NO ONE WANTS TO LIVE IN PORTER
9 RANCH. THAT BABY'S SPEWING OUT OF THERE. NOSEBLEEDS THAT THEY
10 SAID WERE-- THEY'RE MANAGING THE NOSEBLEEDS. WOW. THAT IS THE
11 MOST EXCITING THING I'VE EVER SEEN. NEVER HEARD. NO ONE'S
12 RAISING THEIR HAND TO LIVE IN PORTER RANCH. I CAN'T BELIEVE
13 THAT FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHAT'S THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GOING DO? I
14 MEAN THOSE GUYS ARE BUSY GRABBING EACH OTHER'S ASSES IN THE
15 FIRE STATION AND STALKING ME FOR MY BIG BLACK PENIS. SORRY.
16 THE GAYEST PLACE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS GOING TO BE THE FIRE
17 DEPARTMENT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAY ON SUBJECT OR YOU WILL BE
20 REMOVED.

21

22 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** THIS IS 3,000 PEOPLE ARE DISPLACED. 3,000
23 PEOPLE. AND HE'S LOOKING LIKE "I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT."
24 THEY DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR IT WHEN YOUR BLACK BEHIND WAS--

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, SIR. DO YOU
2 KNOW WHAT? YOU CAN'T TELL ME ANYTHING. OTHER THAN THE FACT
3 THAT YOU'RE GOING TO RESPECT ME.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU, SIR, RESPECT ME AND I'LL RESPECT YOU.
8 BUT ALL THAT STUFF YOU'RE DOING, SERGEANT?

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SERGEANT, PLEASE REMOVE. (YELLING
11 CONTINUES OFF MICROPHONE).

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. LET'S MOVE ON.

14

15 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THERE YOU GO AGAIN. THROWING PEOPLE OUT.
16 FLAMMABILITY LIMITS. WELL, YOU KEEP FLAMING UP EVERYTHING UP
17 HERE. NOSEBLEEDS. LIVER, KIDNEY DAMAGE. ANYBODY ELSE WOULD BE
18 IN JAIL. ANYBODY ELSE. (YELLING CONTINUES OFF MICROPHONE). (IN
19 HIGH VOICE:) WHAT? WHAT DID YOU? YOU GOT TO HAVE AN ARMY OF
20 COPS. ARMY OF COPS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF THE SPEAKER CANNOT
23 ADDRESS WHAT'S BEFORE US RATHER THAN COMMENTING ON WHAT ELSE
24 IS GOING ON, THEN HE NEEDS NOT TO BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY
25 TO SPEAK BECAUSE HE IS NOT ON POINT.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE NOT ON POINT, THAT'S TRUE.

3

4 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** AW, SO WE HAVE THE FLAMMABILITY LIMITS. NOW WE
5 HAVE THE GAS COMPANY GETS TO WALK IN HERE AND TELL PEOPLE WHEN
6 IT'S SAFE TO GO INTO THEIR HOMES. AND THAT'S WHERE ANTONOVICH
7 HITS IT ON THE NOSE. THEY SHOULD NOT BE THE ONES TELLING IF
8 PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE SAFE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A PECUNIARY AND
9 VESTED INTEREST AND A CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO GET PEOPLE BACK
10 INTO THESE HOMES TO BE GASSED RATHER THAN GO BACK TO BE SAFE.
11 AND A MISERABLE 30 DAYS OR WHATEVER THE HELL IT IS, THESE
12 PEOPLE ARE BEING TREATED LIKE COWS. THEY'RE BEING TREATED LIKE
13 ANIMALS. AND THE ONLY PERSON ON THE BOARD THAT SAYS ANYTHING
14 AGAINST THIS IS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE OTHER FOUR OF YOU
15 ARE MUTE. SO IN YOUR DISTRICTS, WHEN THEY START GASSING AND
16 POISONING YOUR PEOPLE, NOBODY'S GOING TO SPEAK UP. HE'LL BE
17 TERMED OUT. AND WE'LL BE LEFT WITH--

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, I GUESS, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD
20 SACHS. I'M SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THERE'S NO CORRESPONDING EXIDE
21 REPORTS ON THE WORK THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS DONE THERE
22 AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE
23 OTHER DEPARTMENT AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT THE COUNTY HAS,
24 THE 46 DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY, WHATEVER WORK THEY'VE DONE
25 TO QUALIFY THE DISCOMFORT OF THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE AFFECTED BY

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1 THE EXIDE FIASCO, ALTHOUGH THAT'S ONLY BEEN GOING ON 30 YEARS.
2 BUT THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS OUT OF THIS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
3 IS TALKING ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF THE EXPOSURE. I THINK THIS IS
4 A PERFECT LOCATION FOR THE BIOSCIENCE PROGRAMS THAT YOU WANT
5 TO TALK ABOUT, SIR.

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU ARE NOT ON TOPIC. STAY ON THE
8 AGENDA TODAY, SIR. EXIDE IS NOT ON THE AGENDA TODAY, SIR. THIS
9 IS ABOUT ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE GAS LEAK.

12

13 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** AT ALISO CANYON.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE USING MY TIME. THE GAS LEAK AREA WOULD BE
16 THE PERFECT LOCATION FOR THE BIOSCIENCE RESEARCH TO STUDY THE
17 EFFECTS OF THE EXPOSURE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S SO HARD TO
18 UNDERSTAND. HERE'S A LITTLE STORY FROM 2/5/16, THE GAS WELL
19 HAS BEEN LEAKING SINCE OCTOBER 23RD. THE LARGEST UNDERGROUND
20 GAS STORAGE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND NOBODY KNEW. AND
21 THAT'S WHY THEY PUT HOUSES. SO THE LARGE GAS STORAGE AREAS
22 EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI, DO YOU THINK THEY HAVE HOUSES AROUND
23 THOSE GAS STORAGE AREAS? I DON'T THINK SO. SO TO GIVE
24 ANTONOVICH CREDIT--

25

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1 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, MA'AM. PUT A SOCK IN IT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S CITY OF L.A.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT WAS COUNTY FIRST.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. 47-B, AS
10 AMENDED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ITEM 47-C.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME AMEND IT TO MOVE THE ITEM WITH A
18 DIRECTING COUNTY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO TO BRIEF
19 THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS OF THE LEGISLATION WITH AN ANALYSIS
20 OF THAT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

23

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. THERE'S NO
2 OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU. PUBLIC COMMENT?
3 PRENTISS JENKINS, WAYNE FROM ENCINO.

4

5 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** NOW WE GET TO MORE GOOD STUFF. WE WANT TO
6 ELIMINATE THE P.U.C. FROM THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND DIVIDE
7 THE OTHER STATE AGENCIES. YES, YES. THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. YES,
8 LET'S TAKE THIS EVIL PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION THIS, DEVIL-
9 FORMED, SATAN-WORSHIPPING PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, THIS
10 KAFKAESQUE COMMISSION, THIS RACIST PUBLIC UTILITIES
11 COMMISSION, THIS POISONOUS GAS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND
12 GET RID OF THIS EVIL BEAST. AND THE EVIL BEASTS THAT RUN IT.
13 AND MIKE GATTO, SURPRISINGLY, HAS REALLY TAKEN A LEAD ON THIS.
14 OF COURSE, IF MIKE ANTONOVICH HAD TO TEACH MIKE GOTTO A THING
15 ABOUT THE P.U.C. BECAUSE HE SPENT SO MUCH OF HIS TIME NOT
16 WORRYING ABOUT IT. BUT IN THE CORNER OF MIKE ANTONOVICH'S
17 EYES, HE'S SEEN THE P.U.C. FOR THE EVIL THAT IT IS, BUT NOW WE
18 KNOW THE EVIL THAT IT IS. AND LIKE JESUS THREW THE MONEY
19 CHANGERS OUT OF THE TEMPLE, WE'RE GOING TO THROW THE PUBLIC
20 UTILITIES COMMISSION OUT OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION. KILL THE
21 BEAST. KILL THE P.U.C. AND GET RID OF THIS PIECE OF CRAP. YES.

22

23 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** HOW MUCH-- HOW MUCH DO YOU SPEND ON THE
24 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION? I MEAN, IS THAT APPOINTED? DO
25 THEY GET PAID? I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH THEY GET PAID, TOO.

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1 AND IF THEY ARE GETTING PAID AND YOU'RE SPENDING MILLIONS ON
2 IT, ALL YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT TO DO IS TAKE THE MONEY FROM
3 THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND FUNNEL IT, I'M SORRY,
4 REDISTRIBUTE, THAT'S A NEW NAME FOR FUNNELING, IT'S CALLED
5 REDISTRIBUTION NOW-- YOU WANT TO REDISTRIBUTE THAT MONEY
6 SOMEWHERE ELSE. SO SEEMS TO ME THAT IF YOU GET RID OF THE
7 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, WHAT, IN FACT, ARE YOU GOING TO
8 PUT IN ITS PLACE? IS THE COMMISSION MOVING HERE TO THE BOARD
9 OF SUPERVISORS ARE YOU GOING TO JUST RENAME IT? YOU'RE NOT
10 GOING TO ACTUALLY GET RID OF IT. YOU WILL JUST RENAME IT
11 SOMETHING ELSE. BUT IF THERE'S MONEY INVOLVED IN THE PUBLIC
12 UTILITIES COMMISSION, WHO GETS THAT MONEY ONCE YOU GET RID OF
13 IT? YOU SEE? I'M NOT AS DUMB AS I LOOK. HE CAN ATTEST TO IT.
14 I'M ACTUALLY ABSOLUTELY NOT AS DUMB AS I LOOK. I CAN ADD. I
15 CAN SUBTRACT. AND CALCULUS IS A BIT DICEY THERE. AND I
16 GRADUATED PUBLIC SCHOOL.

17

18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YOU'RE OFF TOPIC, SIR.

19

20 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** I'M GOING TO GET RIGHT BACK ON TOPIC. THE
21 TOPIC IS WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO REDISTRIBUTE THE MONEY?

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US AS
24 AMENDED. I DON'T HAVE YOUR-- OKAY, VERY GOOD. COME UP FORWARD,
25 THEN, BEFORE WE CLOSE THIS OUT. (OFF MIC. COMMENTS).

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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU KNOW, MAYBE A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN THAT
3 EXPLOSION HAPPENED IN SAN REMO, [SAN BRUNO] DO YOU REMEMBER
4 THAT? THE GAS EXPLOSION? AND BY THE WAY, THAT HAPPENED, THEY
5 DIDN'T HAVE A SHUTOFF VALVE. THEY DIDN'T HAVE A SHUTOFF VALVE
6 FOR THE HORIZON, DEEP WATER HORIZON. AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE A
7 SHUTOFF VALVE AT THIS WELL ALISO CANYON, SOMETHING SIMILAR.
8 BUT YOU DIDN'T TAKE UP THE P.U.C. DO YOU KNOW WHO WAS SITTING
9 ON THE P.U.C., YOU KNOW THIS GUY MICHAEL PEEVEY, WHO USED TO
10 BE THE CHAIRPERSON OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON. AND THAT WAS
11 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON BEFORE THEY INCORPORATED INTO
12 EDISON INTERNATIONAL AND SPUN OFF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
13 AS A SUBSIDIARY. SO THEY SEPARATED THE PROFITS FROM THE DEBTS
14 THAT WAY. BUT YOU DIDN'T TAKE THAT UP WHEN HE WAS PASSING
15 NOTES BACK AND FORTH TO THE GAS COMPANY WHO OWNED THE GAS LINE
16 THAT BLEW UP. YOU DIDN'T FIND ANY PROBLEM THERE. AND THE
17 NEWSPAPERS DON'T FIND ANY PROBLEM THERE. AND THEY DON'T FIND
18 THE PROBLEM BY APPOINTING INDUSTRY CHIEFS OF STAFF AND HEADS
19 OF THESE CORPORATIONS AS OVERSIGHT FOR THE CORPORATIONS THAT
20 THEY USED TO LEAD. SO WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE THE STOCKHOLDERS?
21 DO YOU KNOW WHO USED TO BE A STOCKHOLDER IN SOUTHERN
22 CALIFORNIA EDISON, I THINK? JANICE HAHN WAS A STOCKHOLDER IN
23 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. 47-
2 C, AS AMENDED. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE'VE ARRIVED. SPECIAL ITEMS. THE
4 ADJOURNMENTS, WE'LL START WITH DISTRICT 2.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. I ASK
7 THAT YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF MR. ROBERT
8 HOLEMAN. HE WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 21, 1930 IN MEMPHIS,
9 TENNESSEE AND PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY THE 30TH OF THIS YEAR AT
10 THE AGE OF 85. HE ATTENDED COLLEGE AT TENNESSEE STATE IN
11 MEHARRY MEDICAL SCHOOL IN LITTLE ROCK. HE SERVED IN THE U.S.
12 ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND EARNED A PURPLE HEART FOR HIS
13 MERITORIOUS SERVICE. HE MARRIED STELLA, HIS COLLEGE SWEETHEART
14 AND THEY RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1955 TO BEGIN THEIR
15 FAMILY. MR. HOLEMAN WAS AN ENTREPRENEUR IN THE REAL ESTATE
16 INVESTMENT ARENA. HE OWNED HIS OWN BUSINESS WHICH GAVE HIM THE
17 FLEXIBILITY TO RAISE AND GUIDE HIS FOUR CHILDREN TO ALL BECOME
18 COLLEGE GRADUATES AND LEAD PRODUCTIVE LIVES. EACH OF HIS
19 GRANDCHILDREN ALSO COMPLETED COLLEGE AND ESTABLISHED CAREERS
20 IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. MR. HOLEMAN SANG IN THE CHOIR AT THE
21 HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SINCE THE YEAR OF 1956. HE WAS
22 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, THE SCREEN
23 ACTORS GUILD, THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TELEVISION AND
24 RECORDING ARTISTS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A DEDICATED FATHER
25 AND GRANDFATHER AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. HE IS

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1 SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN, ROBERT, ALICIA, ESTELLA AND
2 RHONDA. TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND
3 FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITY AND CHURCH COMMUNITY WHO
4 WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS, ROBERT L.
5 HOLEMAN.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR
8 KUEHL.

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10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I ASK THAT WE
11 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT "GINO" ROSS.
12 GINO, AGE 90, FORMER DIRECTOR OF ORLANDO GALLERY, PASSED AWAY
13 ON JANUARY 31ST. HE MOVED TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, PLANNING
14 A CAREER IN DESIGN AND TO TEACH DANCE. HE MET PHILIP ORLANDO
15 WHEN HE WAS AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE STUDIOS
16 AND PHILIP ORLANDO BECAME HIS PROFESSIONAL AND LIFE LONG
17 PARTNER. THEY OPENED THE ORLANDO DANCE STUDIO IN 1953 AND A
18 DANCE STUDIO EVOLVED INTO AN ART GALLERY THAT OPERATED ON
19 VENTURA BOULEVARD IN ENCINO, SHERMAN OAKS AND TARZANA FROM
20 1958 TO 2010. IT WAS IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION FOR 52 YEARS, THE
21 LONGEST RUN OF ANY GALLERY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IT WAS A
22 GALLERY THAT FOCUSED ON UP AND COMING CALIFORNIA ARTISTS. HE'S
23 SURVIVED BY HIS NIECE AND NEPHEW, DON AND MIMI GRANT. AND I
24 ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH
25 ALASKEY, A VOICE ACTOR WHO BROUGHT DISTINCTIVE PERSONALITY TO

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1 THE LOONEY TUNES CHARACTERS WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 3RD. AFTER
2 MEL BLANC DIED IN 1989, ALASKEY TOOK OVER AND VOICED BLANC'S
3 LEGENDARY CHARACTERS, INCLUDING BUGS BUNNY, DAFFY DUCK,
4 SYLVESTER THE CAT AND TWEETY BIRD. HE ALSO VOICED YOSEMITE SAM
5 IN THE FILM "WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT"? THE "RUGRATS" MOVIES
6 AND "TINY TOON ADVENTURES." HE WAS A SELF-TAUGHT IMPERSONATOR
7 WHO STARTED DOING IMPRESSIONS AT THE AGE OF 5 AND WORKED HIS
8 WAY FROM RADIO GIGS TO HOLLYWOOD. HE'S A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF
9 ENCINO AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER JOHN NED ALASKEY. I ASK
10 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MAURICE
11 WHITE, CO-FOUNDER AND LEADER OF THE GROUNDBREAKING ENSEMBLE
12 EARTH, WIND AND FIRE. HE DIED FEBRUARY 4TH AT THE AGE OF 74.
13 ALL MEMBERS? THANK YOU. SURE. WE'VE ALL GOT, I SEE I GUESS
14 THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN TAPES. EARTH WIND AND FIRE CREATED A
15 DISTINCTIVE SOUND BORROWING ELEMENTS FROM FUNK, SOUL, GOSPEL
16 AND POP. MR. WHITE SAID HE WANTED THE BAND'S MUSIC TO CONVEY
17 MESSAGES OF UNIVERSAL LOVE AND HARMONY WITHOUT FORCE-FEEDING
18 LISTENERS SPIRITUAL CONTENT. EARTH WIND AND FIRE HAD 16 TOP 40
19 SINGLES, WON SIX GRAMMIES AND SOLD AN ESTIMATED 90 MILLION
20 ALBUMS. THE BAND WAS INDUCTED INTO THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF
21 FAME IN 2000 AND IS SLATED TO RECEIVE A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
22 HONOR FROM THE GRAMMIES THIS YEAR. HIS SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS
23 BROTHERS, VERDINE AND FRED. BOTH OF THEM WERE MEMBERS OF EARTH
24 WIND AND FIRE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
25 IN MEMORY OF DR. RICHARD BASHORE, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 20TH.

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1 PROFESSOR EMERITUS AT THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. HIS
2 ASSOCIATION WITH U.C.L.A. BEGAN IN 1956 WHEN HE BECAME A
3 RESIDENT IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY. HE OFFICIALLY RETIRED
4 IN 1988 BUT CONTINUED TO SERVE ON VARIOUS ADVISORY AND PEER
5 REVIEW COMMITTEES AS WELL AS ATTENDING, WHEN POSSIBLE, THE
6 WEEKLY TEACHING CONFERENCES AND GRAND ROUNDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY
7 HIS WIFE, DR. JONELLE GOSS BASHORE AND HIS DAUGHTER KARIN
8 THOMPSON. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN
9 MARGOT STORCH BAMBERGER, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 30TH. SHE GOT
10 INVOLVED WITH HADASSAH IN THE 1940S, PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION
11 HEADSTART IN THE '60S AND WAS LATER PROUD THAT HER NAME GRACED
12 THE WALKWAY AT DISNEY HALL. SHE CAME TO THE U.S. AS A REFUGEE
13 FROM HITLER'S GERMANY, LEAVING JUST ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE
14 GERMAN INVASION AND CLOSURE OF THE BORDERS. SHE NEVER FORGOT
15 THE MEANING OF THAT EARLY EXPERIENCE AND JUST DAYS BEFORE HER
16 PASSING, SHE WARNED OF THE DANGERS OF DISCRIMINATION AND
17 FEARMONGERING THAT SHE SAW SURFACING AROUND HER EVEN TODAY.
18 "THAT'S HOW IT ALL STARTS," SHE WARNED. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
19 SONS JOHN AND MARK. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
20 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARGARET COLYEAR HALVORSON WHO PASSED
21 AWAY ON FEBRUARY 2ND AT THE AGE OF 103. SHE SUPPORTED SO MANY
22 PROGRAMS AND CHARITIES, SPECIALIZING IN AREAS OF RESEARCH,
23 SCHOLARSHIP, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND THE
24 PERFORMING ARTS. SHE WAS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE SALVATION
25 ARMY'S WAY-IN CENTER WHICH ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF RUN AWAY,

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1 HOMELESS AND ABUSED YOUTH IN HOLLYWOOD. SHE WAS AWARDED THE
2 DEAN'S MEDALLION BY THE U.S.C. ETHEL PERCY ANDRUS GERONTOLOGY
3 CENTER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SIX CHILDREN, RICHARD, JUNE
4 MARGARET, DIANE, BARBARA AND GWEN. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR
7 KNABE?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY, JUST PASSED YESTERDAY, A DEAR FRIEND PASTOR
11 CHET DROOG WHO PASSED AWAY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 71
12 YEARS AND FOUR DAUGHTERS, JACKIE, JUDY, JILL AND JODI. HE'LL
13 BE DEARLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. A GREAT MENTOR TO
14 ALL OF US. AND JUST A GREAT FRIEND. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
15 MEMORY OF EDWIN KAHN, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 5TH AT THE
16 AGE OF 93. ED WAS BORN IN PITTSBURGH, GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES,
17 GRADUATED FROM FAIRFAX AND ATTENDED U.C.L.A. AT THE OUTBREAK
18 OF WORLD WAR II, HE ENLISTED IN THE U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE AND
19 SERVED AS B-24 BOMBER PILOT IN THE 89TH AIR FORCE AND WAS AN
20 AIR FORCE PILOT INSTRUCTOR. HE GRADUATED U.C. BERKELEY IN
21 CIVIL ENGINEERING, WAS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER AND
22 LICENSED GENERAL CONTRACTOR. HE RETIRED AFTER 40 YEARS AS A
23 REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER AND PRESIDENT OF KAHN CONSTRUCTION
24 CONTRACTORS AND ENGINEERS. HE HAD A COMMERCIAL PILOT'S LICENSE
25 AND SERVED AS A DOCENT AT THE ORIGINAL MUSEUM OF-- FLYING

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1 MUSEUM IN SANTA MONICA. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MASONS,
2 SCOTTISH RITES, SHRINERS AND AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS. HE
3 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND BEST FRIEND AND I WOULD ASK ALL
4 MEMBERS TO JOIN ME, MARIKO. SONS GREG AND WINSTON, DAUGHTER
5 JULIE, STEPDAUGHTERS PAM AND ANDREA, AND STEPSON MITCHELL. AND
6 THEN ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHRISTINA PAPAS, A
7 LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF DOWNEY AND SISTER OF YOLANDA JAMES, A
8 CLOSE FRIEND AND RETIRED FROM RANCHO. PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY
9 AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 64. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, DAUGHTER
10 AND SISTER. DEARLY BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THEN ALSO
11 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSEMARY SEARS GREEN, WHO PASSED
12 AWAY RECENTLY. SHE WAS A DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL FOR PARAMOUNT
13 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND
14 MICHAEL, HER TWO CHILDREN, HER MOTHER, BROTHER AND SISTERS.
15 SHE'LL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THOSE ARE MY
16 ADJOURNMENTS, MADAME CHAIR. BUT I DO HAVE A READ-IN MOTION.
17 "SAN PEDRO COURTHOUSE SERVED AS AN ANCHOR. THIS IS FOR NEXT
18 WEEK, SERVED AS AN ANCHOR FOR LOCAL BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL
19 ACTIVITY FOR SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY SINCE ITS OPENING IN 1969.
20 HOWEVER, THE COURTHOUSE HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE THE CLOSURE BY
21 THE STATE IN 2013 IN JUNE LEAVING A VOID IN THE COMMUNITY. IN
22 APRIL OF 2015, THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA DECLARED THE
23 SAN PEDRO COURTHOUSE A SURPLUS PROPERTY. CRUCIAL FIRST STEP TO
24 ALLOW FOR THE PROPERTY'S TRANSFER OR SALE. RECENTLY, OUR
25 COUNTY'S SACRAMENTO ADVOCATES HAVE LEARNED THAT THE J.C.C. IS

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1 ON TRACK TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE STATE
2 LEGISLATURE TO DECLARE THE PROPERTY AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL AND
3 SALE BY THE STATE. THIS LANDMARK BILLING SHOULD REMAIN A FOCAL
4 POINT OF CIVIC ACTIVITY FOR THE SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY. THE
5 STATE'S PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF THE COURTHOUSE PROVIDES A PRIME
6 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED BY A LOCAL
7 JURISDICTION, POTENTIALLY THE COUNTY. SO THAT IT MAY BE USED
8 FOR SERVICES TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY. SO I THEREFORE MOVE
9 THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT OUR C.E.O. AND OUR SACRAMENTO
10 ADVOCATES TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION ONCE IT'S INTRODUCED THAT
11 WOULD DECLARE THE SAN PEDRO COURTHOUSE PROPERTY AVAILABLE FOR
12 DISPOSAL AND SALE BY THE STATE." AND THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THIS IS A READ-IN. IT WILL
15 BE BACK NEXT WEEK. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN
18 MEMORY OF HENRY CLARO OLVIAS, SR. WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
19 OF 73. HE WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
20 PARKS AND RECREATION FOR 40 YEARS. HE WAS A DEVOTED FAMILY MAN
21 AND LOVED AND ADMIRER BY EVERYONE. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
22 ROSALIND OF 53 YEARS AND HIS SIX CHILDREN AND 15
23 GRANDCHILDREN. VERY CLOSE FRIEND CATHERINE CRAIL BERRYMAN
24 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 1ST. SHE WAS A GRADUATE FROM SAN DIEGO
25 STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE AND ACTIVE

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1 MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN. SHE'S
2 SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER JOE AND SISTER LUANNE. IRIS ANITRA
3 BOWSER NEAL PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 74. SHE WAS SERVED AS
4 THE CHAIR AND ORGANIZER OF THE ANNUAL VAL VERDE AFRICAN-
5 AMERICAN HISTORY CELEBRATION. SHE SERVED IN THE VAL VERDE
6 CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND ON THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDING
7 COMMITTEE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND HER FOUR
8 CHILDREN. STEVEN RICHARD KIRK, AGUA DULCE, PASSED AWAY AT THE
9 AGE OF 22. GRADUATE OF VASQUEZ HIGH SCHOOL. STUDIED AT COLLEGE
10 OF THE CANYONS. WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE RIDER,
11 WINNING THE A.M.A. DISTRICT 37 ENDURO CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE 250
12 C.C. CLASS AND WINNING THE SECOND PLACE IN THE NATIONAL HARE
13 AND HOUND SERIES PRO CLASS. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF CHECKERS
14 MOTORCYCLE CLUB. SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS AND SISTER. ELFREDA
15 ESTHER BREITINGER, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. WAS A
16 LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES FORESTRY DEPARTMENT
17 AND SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 105. HAROLD "MITCH"
18 MITCHELL, RESIDENT OF COVINA. HE HAD JOINED THE POLICE
19 DEPARTMENT, COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT, SERVED FOR 18 YEARS,
20 WORKED FOR THE BANK OF AMERICA AS SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR AND
21 TREASURER OF THE ANGLER CLASS OF THE CHRIST FIRST BAPTIST
22 CHURCH OF COVINA. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 57 YEARS, JOANNE AND
23 THEIR DAUGHTERS AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. CARL HEINZ STRATZ,
24 SANTA CLARITA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 74. UNITED STATES
25 MARINE CORPS. HE SERVED AND WORKED FOR SPARKLETT'S. HE WAS

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1 ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH AND KNIGHTS OF
2 COLUMBUS. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN AND THREE
3 SIBLINGS. SISTER CAROL MARIE PURZYCKI. SISTER OF ST. JOSEPH'S
4 CARONDELET, THE ORDER MY AUNT WAS A MEMBER OF, PASSED AWAY AT
5 THE AGE OF 69 ON JANUARY 30TH. SHE HAD JOINED THE ORDER IN
6 1966 AND RECEIVED A NURSING DEGREE AND MINISTERED IN HOSPITALS
7 THROUGHOUT THE NATION AND SHE WAS ALSO AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE
8 NURSING DEPARTMENT AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY. SHE IS
9 SURVIVED BY HER THREE BROTHERS AND TWO SISTERS. PATRICIA
10 BIERMANN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF GLENDALE, WAS AN EDUCATOR AT LA
11 CA ADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 38 YEARS AND QUITE INVOLVED
12 IN THE COMMUNITY AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 47
13 YEARS, KEN, AND THEIR TWO SONS AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. AND
14 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. AND THEN SO MOVED, MADAME
15 CHAIR. AND THEN I HAVE TWO OTHER.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE IS THAT THERE IS "JOSEPH TOWNSEND, A 34-
20 YEAR-OLD REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER ON PAROLE, BROKE OFF THE
21 G.P.S. DEVICE FROM HIS ANKLE FRIDAY MORNING AND DISAPPEARED
22 WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND. ACCORDING TO STATE AUTHORITIES, HE IS
23 TAMPERING WITH THE G.P.S. DEVICE OCCURRED ABOUT 90 MINUTES
24 AFTER PAROLE AGENTS CONFISCATED CELL PHONES FROM HIM AND TOOK
25 THEM FOR EXAMINATION AFTER A ROUTINE CHECK. THE G.P.S. DEVICE

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1 WAS FOUND IN A TRASH CAN IN A LAUNDRY ROOM AT THE TRAILER PARK
2 WHERE HE WAS LIVING WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND. THE CELL PHONES
3 CONTAINED OVER 150 PICTURES AND VIDEOS OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
4 AND MESSAGES WITH MORE EXPLICIT IMAGES OF CHILDREN WHICH WERE
5 RECEIVED ON HIS CELL PHONES WHILE UNDER EXAMINATION BY THE
6 AUTHORITIES. IN 2011, HE HAD PLEADED NO CONTEST TO POSSESSION
7 OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON.
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFFS ARE
9 SEEKING THE PUBLIC'S HELP TO LOCATE MR. TOWNSEND WHO IS
10 DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE 5' 7, 170 POUNDS, BLUE EYES AND
11 BROWN HAIR. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OFFER A \$20,000 REWARD FOR
12 INFORMATION LOCATING HIM. SO MOVED.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOTION BY
15 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN IN MY MEETING WITH THE CITY OF
18 DUARTE TWO WEEKS AGO, WE WERE DISCUSSING THE BODY-WORN CAMERAS
19 THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND
20 SHERIFF PERSONNEL OFFERED A VERY HELPFUL AND INFORMATIVE
21 OVERVIEW WHICH WOULD BE A VERY IMPORTANT FOR US AS POLICY
22 DECISION MAKERS THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE INFORMED WITH. AND I
23 WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THE SHERIFF PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A
24 VERBAL STATUS UPDATE ON THAT ISSUE AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING ON
25 THE BODY CAMERA.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT WILL BE A REPORT BACK.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DO HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS, AS WELL.

7 TODAY I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN WE ADJOURN IN THE

8 MEMORY OF KAWAI LIN WAYLON HONG WHO WAS BORN ON MARCH 16, 1935

9 IN DONSWEI [PH?] TAIWAN AND PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 7, 2016 AT

10 THE AGE OF 80. HE GRADUATED FROM NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

11 1963, COMPLETED HIS MASTER'S AND DOCTORATE DEGREE IN 1971 AT

12 TOKYO UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN. HE IMMIGRATED FROM JAPAN TO THE

13 U.S. IN 1974 WHERE HE WORKED HARD TO SUPPORT HIS FAMILY AND

14 ENSURE HIS CHILDREN HAD A GOOD EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. HE

15 ALONG WITH OTHERS FORMED THE JOINT TEACHERS COLLEGE AND NORMAL

16 UNIVERSITY OF TAIWAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WHICH RECOGNIZES

17 OUTSTANDING TEACHERS AND CREATES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS. HE

18 SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION WHERE HE IS REMEMBERED

19 FOR SERVING MANY OF ITS MEMBERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,

20 FONG LEE NG, HIS SON GEORGE, HIS DAUGHTERS IRENE, GERALDINE

21 AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS. I ALSO MOVE TODAY THAT

22 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LUIS SANCHEZ. LUIS SANCHEZ WAS BORN IN

23 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ON AUGUST 16, 1954. I KNEW HIM

24 PERSONALLY WHILE I SERVED AS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT RIO HONDO

25 COLLEGE. HE WAS AN EMPLOYEE THERE. HE GREW UP PLAYING THE

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1 GUITAR IN A CHURCH WHILE HIS SISTER SANG ALONGSIDE HIM. ON
2 SEPTEMBER 5, 1980 HE MARRIED RENEE LUERA. THEY MOVED TO
3 WHITTIER WHERE THEY SHARED 25 YEARS OF MARRIAGE. HE GRADUATED
4 WITH HIS BACHELOR'S IN HUMANITIES FROM CAL STATE FULLERTON.
5 HIS PASSION FOR EDUCATION LED HIM TO START AS A STUDENT WORKER
6 AT RIO HONDO COLLEGE WHERE HE EVENTUALLY ADVANCED AND WAS
7 HIRED AS AN OUTREACH SPECIALIST RECRUITER. HIS ROLE WAS TO
8 HELP STUDENTS APPLY TO COLLEGE AND REALIZE THEIR DREAMS AND
9 ACADEMIC POTENTIAL. HE RETIRED FROM RIO HONDO AFTER 33 YEARS
10 OF WORK AT THE AGE OF 50. HE WAS A CHARISMATIC, LOVING MAN. HE
11 HAD A LOT OF STORIES TO TELL, BUT ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS
12 FACE. CARS AND MUSIC WERE HIS PASSION. HE WAS REBUILDING A
13 1968 GREEN MUSTANG AND HAD JUST STARTED THE ENGINE. HE PLAYED
14 HIS ACOUSTIC GUITAR ALMOST EVERY MORNING WITH A CUP OF COFFEE
15 AND A SONG IN HIS HEART. LUIS IS SURVIVED BY CHILDREN,
16 CAMERON, NICKY SANCHEZ AND WIFE RENEE, AND SISTERS MARIA
17 AGUILAR, LUPE MERCADO AND AMELIA GARCIA. AND LASTLY I MOVE
18 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ERNIE
19 GUTIERREZ. MR. GUTIERREZ WAS BORN IN LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA.
20 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 3RD AT THE AGE OF 81. HE GREW UP IN
21 THE 1930S IN WHAT WE CALL HICKS TOWN, A DIRT FARM CAMP IN EL
22 MONTE, ALONG THE RIO HONDO RIVER AND ATTENDED LEXINGTON
23 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HIS PARENTS WERE FARM WORKERS AND IN THE
24 1960S, HE JOINED CESAR CHAVEZ DURING THE FARM WORKERS
25 MOVEMENT. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, EARNED HIS

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1 BACHELOR DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY L.A. AND HIS
2 MASTER'S DEGREE FROM ANTIOCH WHITNEY COLLEGE. HE WAS AN
3 EDUCATOR AND HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COUNSELOR. HE RETIRED
4 FROM GARR HIGH SCHOOL 196. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE EL MONTE CITY
5 COUNCIL IN 2001 WHERE HE SERVED ON AND OFF FOR TWO DECADES. HE
6 WAS ELECTED AS MAYOR IN 2013. HE'LL BE REMEMBERED AS A
7 CHAMPION FOR CAUSES AND AN ACTIVIST FOR RIGHTS. HE'S SURVIVED
8 BY HIS LOVELY WIFE OF 54 YEARS, OLGA, THREE CHILDREN, 12
9 GRANDCHILDREN, THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF
10 EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS. MANY WILL MISS HIM. THANK YOU.
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION. MEMBERS, WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

12

13 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IT WAS READ IN FOR NEXT WEEK, SIR.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT WAS READ IN FOR NEXT WEEK, MR.
16 PREVEN. NO, WE DON'T, SORRY. WE'RE CALLING UP MEMBERS--

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** POINT OF ORDER, SERGEANT. IT IS NOT
19 PERMISSIBLE FOR PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE TO SHOUT AT THE CHAIR
20 AND ENGAGE IN THAT KIND OF EXCHANGE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S OUR AGENDA, YEAH.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LET'S HAVE SOME ORDER, THEN, AND
25 LET'S PROCEED. WE'LL ASK RACHEL KASSEN BROCK, PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 JOSE MARTINEZ. ARNOLD SACHS. AND ERIC PREVEN. AND ETTA
2 COLLIER.

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. SO I'M BEING
5 DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE BODY CAM SEPARATELY,
6 CORRECT? BODY CAM VIDEOS?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DURING PUBLIC COMMENT.

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** I JUST WANTED IT CLARIFIED. NOW I WILL MAKE
11 PUBLIC COMMENT BACK IT UP. ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
12 DISTRICT. I AM VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT
13 RESPECT HAS TO BE EARNED ON A MUTUAL BASIS. AND, YOU KNOW,
14 PEOPLE DEMONSTRATE WHO THEY ARE BY WHAT THEY DO. AND, YOU
15 KNOW, I'M HERE PRO BONO, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW. OTHERS OF YOU
16 ARE HERE ON THE CLOCK, WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT, FOR THE
17 PEOPLE. AND WE APPRECIATE IT. YOU KNOW, WHAT IS CHARACTER,
18 REALLY, BUT THE DETERMINATION OF INCIDENT. AND MR. RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS WHAT IS INCIDENT BUT IN FACT THE ILLUSTRATION OF
20 CHARACTER. AND WHEN A HIGHLY PAID SUPERVISOR SITS IN A HALL AS
21 HER PUBLIC EFFECT AND SPEAK AND BRING IDEAS IN FRONT OF THEM,
22 TO SYSTEMATICALLY IGNORE THOSE GROUPS AND THAT GROUP OR SOME
23 OF THOSE GROUPS EXCEPT FOR THE ONES WHO SHE KNOWS AND LOVES
24 AND GAVE HER MONEY, IT'S INAPPROPRIATE. IT IS JUST SIMPLY
25 BEYOND THE PALE. I CAN'T WASTE MY TIME BECAUSE THIS GROUP HAS

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1 A LOT OF ISSUES THEY NEED TO HAVE CHECKED ON THESE KINDS OF
2 ISSUES BUT I WILL NOT TOLERATE IT. I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO
3 TOLERATE IT EITHER, AS THE CHAIR. SHE SAID INTO THE RECORD
4 LAST WEEK THAT THE FIRST AMENDMENT RESPECTS THE RIGHT FOR US
5 TO SPEAK BUT SHE DOES NOT HAVE TO LISTEN. WELL I SAY TO THE 10
6 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES, YES, YOU DO. SHE DOES HAVE
7 TO LISTEN. IN FRONT OF THE PEOPLE. THAT IS HER ONLY JOB. YOU
8 ARE NOT HERE, EXCEPT FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED YOU.
9 AND I MAY HAVE VOTED FOR YOU FOR ALL YOU KNOW BUT FORGETTING
10 ABOUT WHO VOTED FOR YOU BECAUSE THAT'S YOUR BUSINESS NOT MINE.
11 THE END OF THE DAY IT'S BASIC COMMON COURTESY. YOU CANNOT DO
12 WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING. YOU CAN'T CONDUCT A CONVERSATION WITH
13 OTHER PEOPLE.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
16 ARNOLD SACHS.

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18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD
19 SACHS. AND DO YOU KNOW WITH ALL THE EXCITEMENT AND ALL THE
20 WORK AND HEAVY LIFTING YOU DID TODAY, WE NEVER REALLY HEARD
21 YOUR DECISION, I GUESS BECAUSE I WAS OFF TOPIC, ABOUT THE
22 CITY'S BID FOR THE OLYMPICS AND THE \$6 BILLION THEY WANT TO
23 SPEND TO PUT THE OLYMPICS ON. SO MAYBE YOU COULD HAVE A VERBAL
24 VOTE ON HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THE \$6 BILLION GOING FOR THE
25 OLYMPICS AND THE CHUMP CHANGE GOING TO HELP THE HOMELESS. GET

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1 A VERBAL COUNT? CAN'T GET A VERBAL COUNT. HERE WAS AN
2 EDITORIAL FOR YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. "CHOOSING TO FLEE
3 PORTER RANCH." THIS WAS IN THE L.A. TIMES. I WAS THINKING, HOW
4 ABOUT CHOOSING TO LIVE IN PORTER RANCH? ALL THOSE PEOPLE THAT
5 BOUGHT THOSE HOMES FROM HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS UNKNOWINGLY
6 BUYING A HOME SITTING ON A GAS STORAGE FACILITY. 20 MILLION
7 CUBIC FEET OF METHANE GAS AND NOBODY KNEW ANYTHING. IT'S
8 AMAZING WHEN YOU COME IN HERE AND YOU LOOK AT THE FACTS AND
9 YOU FIND WHAT THE BOARD KNOWS AND WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW. 20
10 MILLION CUBIC FEET OF GAS? WE DON'T KNOW. HOMELESS PROBLEMS?
11 WE DON'T KNOW. \$6 BILLION FOR THE OLYMPICS? WE DON'T KNOW. THE
12 PROBATION DEPARTMENT? WE DON'T KNOW. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WE
13 DON'T KNOW. \$300 MILLION FOR M.L.K. HOSPITAL, WE DON'T KNOW.
14 THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS WE DON'T KNOW. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT I
15 KNOW YOU DO KNOW? THAT IN FOUR MORE SECONDS I'LL BE OUT OF
16 TIME. HOW ABOUT THAT? LET'S HEAR IT FOR WHAT YOU KNOW. TIME'S
17 EXPIRED. THERE AND DON KNABE STEPPING TO UP THE PLATE.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ETTA COLLIER? PRENTISS JENKINS.
20 DANIEL GOTTLIEB.

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22 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** I'M BACK, KIDS. "THIS COUNTRY IS FOUNDED ON
23 FREE ENTERPRISE, CHERISH AND HELP PRESERVE IT." I THOUGHT THE
24 COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON SLAVERY. THAT'S WHAT THIS COUNTRY WAS
25 FOUNDED ON. AND THE BLOODY DISPLACEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS

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1 PEOPLE. THEY SAY THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON FREE ENTER-- OH
2 I'M SORRY. SLAVERY WAS FREE ENTERPRISE, WASN'T IT? I GUESS IT
3 REALLY WAS. FREE ENTERPRISE. MILLIONS OF BLACK PEOPLE WORKING
4 FOR FREE. ABSOLUTELY NOT ONE CENT WERE THEY PAID. FOR 400
5 YEARS. THEY STILL AIN'T PAID BLACK PEOPLE BACK. THEY AIN'T
6 PAID US BACK A DIME. JAPANESE GOT PAID. YEAH. I GUESS SOME
7 BLACK PEOPLE WHO GET POSITIONS OF POWER, I GUESS THEY GOT
8 PAID, TOO, YOU KNOW. NICE CUSHY SEAT IN CITY GOVERNMENT. I
9 GUESS THEY DID GET PAID. BUT ALL THOSE OTHER BLACK PEOPLE,
10 THEY DID NOT GET PAID. DIDN'T GET PAID A DIME. I AIN'T SEEN A
11 CHECK YET. I'M STILL LOOKING IN THE MAIL FOR MY CHECK.
12 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WHITE FOLKS MADE. THERE ARE FAMILIES THAT
13 ARE STILL LIVING OFF THE MONEY THEY MADE OFF SLAVERY SITTING
14 IN THE SOUTH. COUNTRY IS FOUNDED ON FREE ENTERPRISE, CHERISH
15 AND HELPING PRESERVE IT. ISN'T THAT THE SADDEST THING YOU EVER
16 HEARD? THEY REALLY BELIEVE SLAVERY, WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT. I
17 GUESS SLAVERY REALLY WAS FREE ENTERPRISE. YEP. AIN'T SEEN A
18 DIME YET. I STILL GOT TO PAY THIS PHONE BILL. BOY, I'M JUST
19 WAITING ON MY CHECK. WAS IT 3, 400 YEARS WAITING ON MY CHECK.
20 EVERY BLACK PERSON, INCLUDING HIM, SHOULD BE WAITING ON THEIR
21 CHECK. EVERYBODY ELSE GOT PAID. NO ONE PAID BLACK PEOPLE. HE
22 AIN'T GETTING A DIME. HE'S STILL GOT THE TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS
23 WE MADE IN THE TREASURY AND NOBODY'S GOING TO GIVE US A DIME.
24 YOU STILL OWE US, PAY UP.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OTHER WITNESSES. MARCO REYEA. WAYNE
2 FROM ENCINO. AND WE HAVE A SPEAKER FROM LANCASTER, EDGAR BAEZ,
3 WHO REQUIRES A TRANSLATOR. LANCASTER, YEAH.

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5 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO IT HAPPENED. THERE IT IS. THE END OF MY
6 WATER SYSTEM, DESTROYED AND WIPED OUT BY WATER OFF OF LAKE
7 HUGHES ROAD AND THE COUNTY PROPERTY BEHIND ME. WIPED OUT. ALL
8 OF IT. MY DRIVEWAY DESTROYED. NOWHERE TO GET IN THERE. THAT'S
9 BECAUSE OF YOU GUYS. THIS IS WHAT IT IS. THIS IS WHAT IT
10 AMOUNTS TO. THAT'S MY DRIVEWAY. THAT'S YOUR WORK. THANK YOU
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. BECAUSE YOU DON'T GO UP INTO THE
12 MOUNTAINS AND TAKE CARE OF IT. I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
13 I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET SOME HELP ON THIS. YOU DON'T WANT TO
14 PERSECUTE LIKE THE OTHER SPEAKER, WORK ON SLAVE LABOR. YOU'RE
15 USING MY PROPERTY TO DIVERT YOUR WATER WITHOUT MAKING A
16 REMEDIATION EFFORT. THANK YOU FOR THAT. THAT'S ALL YOU DO.
17 THAT'S ALL YOU DO. ARREST ME, THE CITY, THIS PLACE, DESTROYED
18 MY RANCH. I SPENT 2-1/2 YEARS RESTORING THIS PROPERTY AND IT'S
19 WIPED OUT NOW. BECAUSE THERE'S MONEY AVAILABLE, F.E.M.A. MONEY
20 IN WASHINGTON, SACRAMENTO. I COULD GET A CHECK FOR THIS IF I
21 WAS REPRESENTED. IF I WAS REPRESENTED. IF I WAS REALLY
22 REPRESENTED BY SOMEBODY HERE. IF SOMEBODY WENT TO BAT AND
23 SAID, "THESE PEOPLE UP THERE NEED MONEY. THEY WERE WIPED OUT.
24 THIS IS A DISASTER AREA." AND WE WOULD HAVE THE MONEY. BUT
25 NOBODY HERE REPRESENTS US. SO WE DON'T GET THE MONEY. AND OVER

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1 IN PORTER RANCH, THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN. THIS WILL BE
2 PORTER RANCH. GIVE IT A LITTLE MORE TIME. WIPED OUT. SO WHAT'S
3 MY OPTION? YOU GOT TO GO TO COURT AND SUE. I'M GOING TO WAIT,
4 HOW LONG? I'M GOING TO BE 46. I'M GOING TO WAIT TILL I HAVE
5 WHITE HAIR? HELL NO. I'LL GET THE MONEY. AND THEY'RE GOING TO
6 PAY FOR THIS. BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE DONE HERE. IT'S GOING
7 TO BE DONE THE WAY MY DADDY AND MY GRANDDADDY USED TO DONE IT.
8 GO BACK TO THE OLD WAY OF DOING BUSINESS AND YOU KNOW WHAT
9 THAT IS.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. WE HAVE STEPHON
12 BECKAM. AND MARCO REYEA.

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14 **STEPHON BECKAM:** DID THEY PASS THE PAPERS I BROUGHT TO ALL
15 Y'ALL? DID THEY PASS THEM OUT? THEY HAVEN'T LOOKED AT THEM?
16 WELL, I'VE BEEN COMING HERE ABOUT MY KIDS BEING ILLEGALLY
17 KIDNAPED BY Y'ALL TERMS, LEGAL KIDNAPPING BY D.C.F.S. AND I
18 HAVE BEEN PLACED IN JAIL. I HAVE BEEN PLACED INSIDE A MENTAL
19 CELL BECAUSE MY SIX-YEAR-OLD, WHO THE STATE HAS PUT ON PSYCH
20 MEDICATIONS, THEY MISTAKED HIM FOR ME, AND PUT ME INSIDE A
21 CELL. I HAD BEEN TORTURED. I HAD BEEN MACED. I HAVE BEEN SET
22 INSIDE A CELL WITH FECES ON THE WALL BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT I
23 WAS A SIX-YEAR-OLD. BUT THAT'S ANOTHER THING. I HAD TO
24 REPRESENT MYSELF IN CRIMINAL COURT. NOW, WHEN I WAS
25 REPRESENTING MYSELF IN CRIMINAL COURT, COME TO FIND OUT

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1 EVERYBODY FROM MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE, THEY KNEW ABOUT
2 MEDICAL RECORDS THAT WAS DONE ON MY SON ABOUT CHILD ABUSE THAT
3 CAME BACK NEGATIVE. THEY HID THEM FROM THE CHILDREN'S COURT.
4 AND ONLY REASON I GOT THIS INFORMATION IS BECAUSE I
5 REPRESENTED MYSELF AND THEY HAD TO GIVE IT TO ME. THEY HAVE A
6 DOCTOR WHO IS NOT EVEN LICENSED TO EVEN SPEAK ON AN X-RAY OR A
7 BROKEN BONE AND SHE'S SPEAKING AGAINST AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON
8 AND SHE MADE UP HER OWN STATEMENTS. I HAVE ALL THESE
9 TRANSCRIPTS WHERE THIS LADY DID NOT EVEN LOOK AT MEDICAL
10 RECORDS FROM MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS' DIVISION. I KEEP ONCOMING UP
11 HERE TRYING TO INFORM Y'ALL THAT SOMEBODY IS PLAYING GAMES AND
12 PLAYING GAMES WITH MY FAMILY? CAN'T NOBODY HIDE ABOUT THEIR
13 BEING NOTIFIED BECAUSE I'M TELLING YOU AIN'T NOBODY
14 INVESTIGATED THIS AT ALL, NOT EVEN MENTIONED NOTHING. BUT
15 SOMEBODY SENT IN A REPORT FROM THIS PLACE ABOUT CHILD ABUSE
16 BECAUSE I SPOKE OUT AGAINST D.C.F.S. SOMEBODY FROM D.P.S.S.
17 PUT IN A CHILD ABUSE REPORT BECAUSE I SPOKE OUT AGAINST THEM.
18 SOMEBODY DONE DID ANOTHER D.P.S.S--

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED, SIR.

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22 **STEPHON BECKAM:** THE TIME EXPIRED?

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SPEAKER FROM LANCASTER,
25 EDGAR BAEZ.

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2 **EDGAR BAEZ:** MY NAME IS EDGAR BAEZ, COMING FOR THE PUBLIC. I
3 JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT HERE WHERE I AM, SORRY ABOUT THAT,
4 COMMENTS TO THE-- YOU GUYS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB AND WE CAN'T
5 DO IT ALONE. WE HAD TOGETHER ALL OF US TOGETHER. FOR AS ME, I
6 AM HOMELESS. I COME FROM WHERE THERE IS A LOT OF SUFFERING.
7 AND KIND OF NERVOUS RIGHT NOW BUT I DIDN'T GET READY TO BE
8 DOWN HERE AND SIT HERE WHERE I SIT. AND BIG SHOUT OUT TO ALL
9 MY FANS OUT THERE AND THE ONES THAT ARE THERE WHERE THEY'RE
10 AT, WHERE THEY SIT. BUT I WANT TO DO A BLESSING TO REAL QUICK
11 FOR DEAR LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO IS IN HEAVEN. BLESS US THIS DAY
12 OUR DAILY BREAD FOR OUR WHOLE ENTIRE LIFE THAT WE ARE LIVING,
13 AND AMEN TO ALL THAT. TO EVERYBODY, I WISH YOU GUYS GOOD LUCK.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC
16 COMMENT. WE'LL NOW ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO READ US INTO
17 CLOSED SESSION.

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19 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH
20 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
21 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
22 NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION
23 OF LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
24 EVALUATIONS; AND ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
25 NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON

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1 THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR
2 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY,
3 FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AT 1 P.M. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION FEBRUARY 9, 2016

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

6 (Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section

7 54956.9) Initiation of Litigation (one case) (16-0809)

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9 The Board authorized County Counsel to intervene in a lawsuit.

10 The defendnts and the other particulars shall, once the action

11 is formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon

12 inquiry.

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14 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being

15 present. No reportable action was taken on CS-2 or CS-3.

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14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

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